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RECREATION SKETCHES IN THE SOUTH SEAS

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(This article was written by Mr. Peixotto, Supervisor of Public School Athletics, San Francisco, who is traveling in New Zealand and Australia.)

TAHITI.

In "a land where nobody works" the recreation problem might be presumed to be an acute one. In America we say eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep and eight for leisure. Take away the eight for work and the problem of "caring for the leisure of the people" becomes doubly important. In Tahiti, however, they have to a great extent begged the question by increasing the third eight-hour period, that of sleep, thus making this form their principal occupation during leisure moments, or in other words, most of the time.

Then, again, like most epithets "the land where nobody works" is a generalization tending toward exaggeration although not far from the truth. The natives really toil very little. The steamship company brought men from Barotonga, 600 miles away, to unload our ship, as it is so difficult to secure labor in Tahiti. But why should they work? Every native has a little land. On this

not one in a hundred knows any land but his own or has even read of foreign places, see moving before them the scenes and the civilization of the great countries of the world, their soldiers on parade, their railroads moving, their parlor etiquette, their history, their traditions, their loves, their comedies and their tragedies. Could anything impress one more of the educative possibilities of the film?

They are not without athletics here. We saw a game of soccer football in progress and boxing is quite the rage among the male population. The streets were still placarded with the announcement of a match of unlimited rounds which had taken place a few days before.

The members of our team had a short run ashore on the grass of the plaza in front of the post office and an interested throng soon gathered. When the boys took off their spiked running shoes prior to walking back to the ship the natives manifested much interest in these articles of footwear.

State Commission Meets.

The State Recreation Inquiry Commission recently created by act of the State Legislature met

PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUE SAVED

By WILLIAM UNMACK.

Do the San Francisco mothers and fathers realize the victory that has been won for them by the directors of the Public Schools Athletic League? Do the parents fully understand the significance of the fact that organized athletics and games are to be continued in the schools of this city?

These are two questions that parents may do well to consider and when the full import of the answers has had time to impress itself, then the parents will be ready to offer up a prayer of thanks that there are public spirited men at the head of this schools' league who went to the bat and made such a desperate winning fight as the one just closed, whereby the Board of Education has practically been forced through public sentiment and the work of this league directorate thoroughly to understand that San Franciscans want and demand that the children of the city be provided with the means of properly conducting organized games.

Are athletics useful? Are they health giving? Do they help a school boy in his work? Are athletics to be recommended to parents for the physical benefit of their children?

These and many other questions can all be answered in the affirmative and I speak now, not as a professional news writer, but as a father and as a keen student of games and athletics.

Athletics can be overdone, and under such conditions no good is to be gained. However, with such a league as the Public Schools Athletic League at the head there is no need to fear the overtaxation of a child's strength.

Eustace Peixotto is the man responsible for the splendid system now used in the grammar schools of this city. He has the league's work down to a fine point, and everything is systematized. Under his supervision there is not a chance for a boy or a girl to overtax his or her strength, and when conducted along these lines, organized athletics and games for children are emphatically a necessity.

The recent suggestion by the Board of Education that the work of the league would have to be temporarily discontinued, owing to retrenchment, would have been nothing short of a disastrous calamity had it been carried. The work of the league is a much larger asset to the city than is realized, and the time is now ripe thoroughly to impress on the public the necessity of getting benefits from this asset.

The league has been a success from the start. It was kept alive financially by a few private subscriptions and also by the returns from athletic meets held once or twice a year at which an admission fee of five cents was charged. It was this small admission fee that the Board of Education objected to, about two years ago, and undertook to keep the league alive financially. This was done up to a few weeks ago when the league was threatened with disintegration for purposes of retrenchment. This has now all been smoothed over and from the present outlook the league will be stronger than ever.

Work for Recreation Beach.

San Francisco is to have a recreational beach at Black Point Cove under the recent decision of the State Supreme Court with regard to tide-water land if the State Harbor Board will grant the petition of the Recreation League for the public use of Black Point Cove and if an injunction is granted to prevent further filling in of the beautiful inlet by private individuals.

A meeting of the aquatic section of the league was held in the Phelan building on December 30, at 8 p. m.

A committee of three, J. E. Scully, chairman; Judge A. E. Graupner and J. J. Phillips was appointed to see city, state and federal officials and to take the necessary steps for the preserving of Black Point Cove.

A second committee of three, Hugh McKevitt, chairman; J. J. Cronin and A. E. Sullivan, was appointed to look into the matter of saving possible aquatic sites in Visitacion Valley and Bay View.



LEAGUE'S AQUATIC DAY AT BLACK POINT COVE.

lands grows wild all he wants to eat except a few fish which the ocean affords him for but little pains. A "mother Hubbard" dress suffices for his wife and, for himself, a loin cloth or pair of blue overalls, an undershirt and a straw hat are all that sartorial custom demands.

With life reduced to these simplicities he may well say "I should worry" and mean it. So he leaves the merchandizing of the island to the Chinese, the government to the French, and picks his fruits, stakes out a pig by one leg to graze, catches his fish, sells his copra and sleeps. Sleeping is simple, too. No bed is needed and no blankets. Walk through Papeete at night and you see many asleep on the sidewalks and in the market place with no other covering than their scant attire and some with even part of that removed.

Of moving picture shows there are two on the island, one at the "Palais Theatre," the other at the "Casino de Tahiti." I say two shows, but really one for the same program is given at both places. The first half at one is the second half at the other and during the intermission the reels are exchanged. The picture shows are those we see in San Francisco with English explanations which can be read by a very small portion of the audience only. Like our own children the natives prefer the "Wild West" pictures to all others, and the word "cowboys" was placarded big on the posters otherwise printed in French and Tahitian.

After all, what a wonderful thing these pictures are! Here under the coconut palms and the banana trees, the mangoes and the bread fruit, these brown-skinned people of whom possibly

at the Recreation League offices on Saturday, January 3. Senator Herbert T. Jones, chairman; James Edward Rogers, treasurer; Miss Bessie D. Stoddard, president of the Playground Commission, Los Angeles, secretary; Chief of Police Vollmer of Berkeley, Judge Peairs of Los Angeles, Dr. Grace Fernald of Los Angeles, C. A. Stebbins of Chico Normal School constitute the committee.

This committee is to study, investigate and report upon recreation for young and old in California, including recreation in rural communities, before November 1.

The committee met and outlined the plan of investigation. James Edward Rogers will attempt to show the need of public recreation; Dr. Fernald, what is now being done in the state through the different public and private institutions for the recreation of the people, adults as well as the young; Miss Bessie Stoddard, what ought to be done.

In the afternoon the committee met with a group of experts interested in the recreation problem. Carleton Parker, secretary of the Immigration Commission; Dr. J. B. Peixotto, member of the State Board of Charities and Corrections; Mrs. May L. Cheney, appointment secretary, University of California; J. C. Astredo, chief probation officer of San Francisco; George E. Dickie, superintendent of Oakland playgrounds; Charles de Y. Elkus, governor of Commonwealth Club, were present.

The firm of Elkus and Bacigalupi was appointed attorneys to the commission.

The next meeting of the commission will be held in San Francisco in the latter part of March.

SECTION NOTES.

*E Pluribus Unum.***Acquatics.**

The new year opens with a reasonable assurance of success in the long struggle to preserve to the people the only spot on the water front available for aquatic sports, Chairman MacArthur announces.

Boys.

Lees J. Schantz, who is acting chairman of the Boys' Section, reports that the section is campaigning to convert parts of Jefferson and Hamilton Parks into playgrounds, and to turn the Municipal Auditorium, when not in use, over to the boys and girls for a municipal gymnasium. The section is also continuing its work with its outdoor free camp for working boys and its other recreational activities.

Commercialized Recreation.

Newly formed, this section, with Mrs. Louis Hertz, chairman, believes in supervised recreation. Regulated by a recreation commission, it naturally takes a stand against recreational enterprises conducted merely for gain by private individuals and not under municipal control.

Dance Hall.

Since the Police Commission has founded a bureau of licenses and is investigating carefully the dance halls asking licenses, the Dance Hall Section, Mrs. A. E. Graupner, chairman, is pleased to see the authorities co-operating with it in its efforts to make dance halls safe and wholesome amusement places, where liquor is not sold.

Girls.

Awaiting the sanction of the Board of Education, the Girls' Section, Miss Rachel Wolfsohn, chairman, hopes this year to be able to prove by an experiment in one school the advisability of having recreation for girls in all schools. The Monroe School, in which the social center is being conducted, seems the logical choice for an experiment. The girls recently co-operated with the Pageant of the Seven Seas.

Legislation.

Charles D. Y. Elkus, recently appointed chairman of the Legislation Section, is interested in the daily growing need for proper supervision and censorship of the city's recreational features and in the near future the Charter may be amended so as to create a recreation commission in charge of playgrounds, parks and of all commercialized amusements as well, such as dance halls, skating rinks, motion pictures and of questions such as the wider use of the school plant and vacation schools. Mr. Elkus has been studying the legal and social aspects of the problem.

1915 Exposition.

San Francisco's World's Fair will probably bring together a larger host of people than has ever gathered anywhere in the world and Dr. F. W. Clappett, chairman of the 1915 Exposition Committee, is determined that this rare opportunity for spreading the gospel of wholesome recreation shall not pass unseized. He has been working with the Exposition authorities.

Pageant.

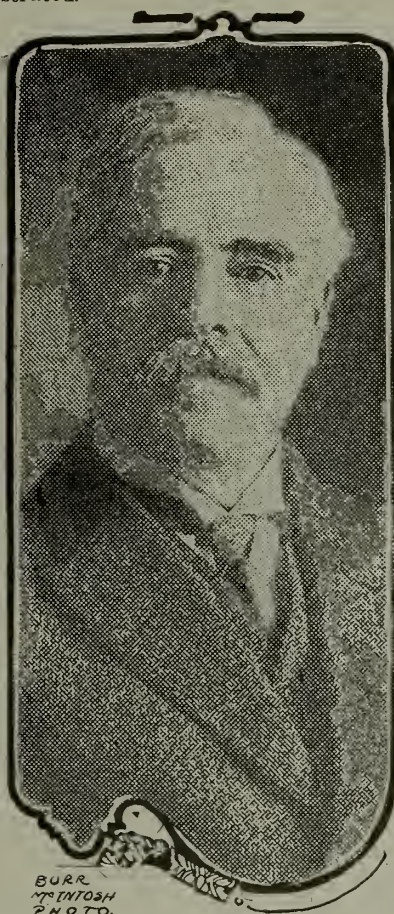
After having scored a success with the Pageant of the Seven Seas, given for the benefit of the Seamen's Institute, the Pageant Committee, Miss Genevieve King, chairman, has decided to direct its future efforts toward encouraging pageantry among organizations of various sorts, giving assistance and expert advice whenever possible.

Parks and Playgrounds.

More and better parks and playgrounds is the slogan of the Section on Parks and Playgrounds. The section is considering ways and means of securing the co-operation of the proper city authorities in aiding the League in its campaign for wholesome recreation for all the people all the time.

James E. Sullivan Coming.

Early in February James E. Sullivan, P. P. I. E. director of athletics, will arrive in San Francisco to cope with the great volume of work before him. Eighty separate and distinct competitions during the Exposition period promise to bring together the greatest aggregation of athletic talent ever assembled and the work done in the playgrounds here and abroad will be demonstrated.



Courtesy of S. F. Examiner.
JAMES E. SULLIVAN.

The school boys of the United States and probably those of other countries will play a prominent part, while the athletic club and college athletes will be seen to better advantage than at any previous international gathering. Y. M. C. A. activities will also be an important factor. Notable among the different events will be the international yacht races, while keen interest will be taken in motor boating, canoeing, as well as in aviation, automobilism and motorcycling and bicycling. There will also be international golf, tennis, rugby and polo matches, and days and weeks will be devoted to the pastimes of the different nations.

Philharmonics.

Ulysses Grant Saunders, chairman of the People's Philharmonic Association, reports progress in the campaign to raise \$15,000 for a people's orchestra to render grade music at popular prices.

The following board of directors has been formed: David Starr Jordan, A. B. Anderson, Walter MacArthur, Ettore Patrizzi, Rev. F. W. Clappett, John C. Manning, C. A. S. Frost, Carl W. Mueller, Andrew J. Gallagher, Joseph W. Walker, Dr. T. B. W. Leland, Dr. Max Magnus, Mme. Emilie Tojetti, Miss Cecil Sisk, Miss Genevieve Pyne, Mrs. California Newton, James E. Rogers, Jesse W. Lilienthal, Charles A. Murdock, Julius Rehn Weber, Filippo Dellepiane, Arthur W. Perry, Mrs. McClure Kelly, Mrs. D. E. F. Easton, Walter Ganon, Curtis H. Lindley.

School Recreation and Athletics.

Fred Koch, as chairman of the School Recreation and Athletics Committee, is heading a movement to extend the course pursued in physical training at the Lowell High School to the other high schools, as the results there have been highly encouraging.

Social Center.

George H. Tucker, recently appointed chairman of the Social Center Section, announces through Eugene J. Richards, supervisor, that after a year's work in organization the results at the center are extremely gratifying.

The girls' section, under Miss Inglis, shows marked progress. A hardworking membership of about thirty-five girls comprise the club. Business meetings, grace culture, and dramatics make up the work program, while round games form a good, healthy outlet on the play side.

On Friday evenings, in connection with the Civic Club and the Mothers' Association, Miss Haggerty, principal of the school, as chairman of the Entertainment Committee, has arranged school-children performances, musicales and lectures for the delight of the entire neighborhood.

Prominent Guests at December Meeting.

President A. A. D'Ancona, of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Roncovieri, Rabbi Max A. Meyer and L. H. Weir, field secretary on the Pacific Coast for the National Playgrounds Association of America, were guests of the Recreation League at the regular monthly meeting of the executive council, held December 4, at the Hotel Bellevue.

Superintendent Roncovieri told of the need of a larger municipal appropriation for playground work and suggested that the league support the municipal body for the extension of their recreational work, of music in the schools and of the use of school houses for social centers.

Mr. Weir declared that the league should promote and correlate recreation interests rather than manage and assume the responsibility of recreational activities, and that there was need of stimulating greater recreational activities among the people.

Mrs. Bert Schlesinger spoke of the relation of juvenile work to the work of the league and of the league's co-operation with the Juvenile Protective Association.

Superintendent George Schlitter spoke on the need of understanding childhood and its relation to play.

The various sections and committee chairmen rendered reports of progress, and the secretary made his report, telling of the appointment by the Governor of the State of a recreational inquiry committee and of the dance hall investigations of the Commonwealth Club, and the treasurer reported the need of increased membership and of procuring \$5000 to adequately carry on the work in 1914.

Mrs. A. E. Graupner reported for the Dance Hall Section, and Mr. Wollner, chairman of the Dance Hall Section of the Recreation League Survey Section, outlined the scheme of investigation of the city dance halls. Mr. Rogers reported for the Social Center Section, reading the report of Supervisor Richards, of the Monroe Center, relative to the work of the boys' and girls' dramatic and civic clubs. He also told of the new center at Laguna Honda School, and of the possibility of opening the John Swett School as a social center.

City Art Body Recommended.

Plans for making the city more beautiful and for prevailing upon Mayor Rolph to appoint a city planning commission were discussed at a meeting of the Art Section of the League at the St. Francis Hotel on December 12. Miss Katherine M. Ball, chairman of the section, is to appoint a committee to wait upon the Mayor.

Among those present favoring the movement were Harry N. Hart, assistant district attorney; Jesse W. Lilienthal, president of the League; Paul Elder, William McCann, Captain Robert Fletcher, Mrs. C. R. Johnson, Houghton Sawyer, Alexander Russel, T. A. Leonard, J. E. Rogers, C. P. Weeks, and representatives from the Civic League, the Outdoor Art League, the San Francisco Society of Architects, the Sketch Club, the Art Association, and of many women's clubs.

Play Experts Visit Golden Gate.

H. S. Braucher, field secretary of the Playgroup Association of America, and L. H. Weir, field secretary for the Pacific Coast of the same association, visited San Francisco in December in order to arrange for the meeting of the International Playground and Recreation Congress here in 1915. Final arrangements have not yet been consummated.

ATHLETICS.

Editors:

High Schools, Sidney M. Tibbetts.
Grammar Schools, Ray Daugherty.
Leon Schoenfeld, Reporter.

WHO WON?

High Schools.

Football.

Championship of San Francisco—Lick defeated Lowell by forfeit.

Championship of A. A. L.—Palo Alto 27, Lick 0.

Basket Ball.

St. Ignatius, 17; Lick, 15 (League).

Wilmerding, 2; Mission, 0 forfeit (League).

Lick, 26; St. Charles, 12.

Lakeport, 48; Cogswell, 29.

Sacred Heart, 37; Lowell, 31.

Sacred Heart, 36; Mission, 7.

San Mateo, 32; Lowell, 29.

Lowell, 35; St. Ignatius, 28.

Pacific Grove High, 42; Polytechnic, 21.

Grammar Schools.

Basket Ball.

125-pound Class—

Horace Mann, 17; James Lick, 0.

State Normal, 2; Columbia, 0, forfeit.

Bay View, 19; Monroe, 5.

Yerba Buena, 12; Washington, 9.

James Lick, 2; Columbia, 0, forfeit.

110-pound Class—

State Normal, 13; Hearst, 7.

Columbia, 13; Lick, 5.

Fairmont, 17; Scott, 2.

Mission, 16; James Lick, 7.

Fairmont, 36; James Lick, 5.

95-pound Class—

Hearst, 11; State Normal, 6.

Fairmont, 10; Irving M. Scott, 3.

Horace Mann, 22; James Lick, 0.

Yerba Buena, 2; Adams, 0, forfeit.

Redding, 17; John Swett, 5.

Monroe, 17; Bay View, 1.

Washington, 14; Redding, 2.

State Normal, 2; Everett, 0, forfeit.

John Swett, 11; Adams, 10.

Columbia, 7; Lick, 6.

With the opening of the high schools athletic activity interest will center around the basket ball series. Nine schools, the largest number ever entered in a San Francisco sub-league series, will be contestants, and the games promise to open one of the most successful basket ball series ever held under the Academic Athletic League.

The following schedule has been drawn up:

DIVISION A.

January 5—Mission vs. Wilmerding; Lick vs. St. Ignatius; Lowell a bye.

January 12—Mission vs. Lowell; St. Ignatius vs. Wilmerding; Lick a bye.

January 19—Mission vs. Lick; Lowell vs. Wilmerding; St. Ignatius a bye.

January 26—Lowell vs. St. Ignatius; Lick vs. Wilmerding; Mission a bye.

February 2—Mission vs. St. Ignatius; Lick vs. Lowell; Wilmerding a bye.

DIVISION B.

January 19—Sacred Heart vs. Cogswell; Polytechnic vs. Commercial.

January 26—Sacred Heart vs. Polytechnic; Cogswell vs. Commercial.

February 2—Sacred Heart vs. Commercial; Cogswell vs. Polytechnic.

The final game for the championship of San Francisco will be played between the winners of Divisions A and B in the second week of February.

Over the usual five mile distance on Saturday, February 21, the high schools cross country team of the A. A. L. will compete for the League championship. The exact course will be announced two days before the race.

Lick School won the San Francisco football title by default from Lowell High School after a successful season during which they were defeated only once by Cogswell, and having victories to their credit over Lowell, Cogswell, Mission, Polytechnic, St. Ignatius and Commercial.

In the final game, played on November 29, at Palo Alto, Lick was defeated by 27 to 0 for the championship of the A. A. L.

1915 Exposition Tentative Dates.

James E. Sullivan announces the following tentative dates for 1915 athletic events: Beginning with the A. A. U. basket ball championships the last week of February, important contests are scheduled for every week until late in October.

The leading events scheduled include A. A. U. gymnastic championships, March 26th and 27th; wrestling, April 11th-16th; fencing, April 26th-30th; Panama-Pacific boxing championships, May 5th-8th; modern Pentathlon, June 7th-12th; public school athletic league and interscholastic championships, July 5th-15th; A. A. U. swimming championships, July 19th-24th; A. A. U. all-round championships, August 7th; A. A. U. track and field championships, August 27th-28th; American relay championships, August 30th-31st; Pentathlon, September 6th; Decathlon, September 10th-11th; lacrosse championships, October 4th-9th.

Results of the first five weeks' play in the grammar school basket ball tournament of the Public Schools Athletic League leave the teams standing as follows:

NINETY-FIVE POUNDS.

First District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Sherman	4 0 1.000	John Swett	1 2 .250
Washington	3 0 1.000	Adams	1 4 .200
Yerba Buena	2 0 1.000	Redding	1 4 .200
Hancock	1 2 .333		

Second District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Laguna Honda	2 0 1.000	Fremont	0 2 .000
Madison	1 1 .500		

Third District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Horace Mann	4 0 1.000	James Lick	1 2 .333
Columbia	2 1 .666	State Normal	1 3 .250
Hearst	2 2 .500	Everett	0 2 .000
Franklin	1 1 .500		

Fourth District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Fairmont	2 0 1.000	I. M. Scott	1 2 .333
Monroe	2 0 1.000	Visitation	0 2 .000
Bay View	1 2 .333		

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN POUNDS.

First District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Washington	1 0 1.000	Yerba Buena	0 1 .000
Adams	1 1 .500		

Second District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Madison	1 0 1.000	Laguna Honda	0 1 .000

Third District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Mission	3 0 1.000	Franklin	0 1 .000
Columbia	2 0 1.000	James Lick	0 1 .000
State Normal	1 1 .500	Hearst	0 3 .000

Fourth District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Fairmont	3 0 1.000	I. M. Scott	0 1 .000
Bay View	1 1 .500	Visitation	0 2 .000

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS.

First District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Yerba Buena	2 0 1.000	Grant	1 2 .333
Pacific Heights	2 1 .666	Hancock	0 2 .000
Washington	1 1 .500		

Third District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Horace Mann	3 0 1.000	State Normal	1 1 .500
James Lick	1 1 .500	Columbia	0 3 .000

Fourth District.			
Team.	W. L. Pct.	Team.	W. L. Pct.
Bay View	2 0 1.000	I. M. Scott	0 1 .000
Monroe	0 1 .000		

San Franciscans Generous.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports, after a strenuous campaign for December, that San Francisco generously contributed \$461.65 for the Recreation League and he acknowledges their support with hearty thanks.

Leon Boqueron	\$10.00
D. Freidenrich	5.00
American National Bank	10.00
L. W. Neustadter	10.00
Anglo-California Trust Company	25.00
Hirschfelder & Meany	1.00
A. B. Spreckels	100.00
Jesse W. Lilienthal	75.00
Mrs. George W. Hooper	20.00
People's Philharmonic Association	3.15
C. B. Head	1.00
San Francisco Civic Section	3.00
Edward Rainey	1.00
J. E. Scully	2.50
C. E. Grunsky	1.00
Charles Raas	1.00
James Oppenheimer	1.00
Bernard Flood	5.00
Nicholas Prendergast	1.00
Chas. A. Murdock	5.00
Crocker National Bank	25.00
Wells-Fargo Nevada National Bank	25.00
Mrs. Henry Sinsheimer	10.00
Leon Liebes	10.00
Dr. Averyl Harcourt	1.00
Mrs. Henry Sahlein	5.00
Albert Meyer	50.00
W. B. Howard	1.00
Rosenberg & Co.	25.00
Thomas, Beedy & Lanagan	10.00
H. B. Webster	1.00
Anonymous	18.00
	\$461.65

Make Note of the Fact That

E. R. Caughey, Geo. L. Parker, James A. Powe, Ruric R. Templeton and Manager Eustace M. Peixotti were received royally by New Zealand, and the paper printed accounts of the work of the Playground Association of America, the P. S. A. L. and the Playground Commission.

J. J. McGovern, secretary of the Panama-Pacific Exposition's athletic bureau, expects to see schoolboys from the Public Schools Athletic Leagues of all the large cities of the country competing in 1915, and showing their all-around physical development as a result of P. S. A. L. work. McGovern is a hearty supporter of San Francisco's athletic league for the schools.

James E. Rogers, secretary of the Recreation League addressed the Parent-Teacher Club of the John Swett School, in the school auditorium, on its Wednesday meeting day in December. Illustrating his talk with stereopticon views, Rogers described playground work here and abroad, referring in particular to what was done in Germany.

The Recreation League, in co-operation with George Schlitter, Superintendent of Playgrounds of San Francisco, is establishing at the Southside Playground, "Municipal Wardrobe." Many of the costumes and paraphernalia of the Pageant of the Seven Seas will become part of this wardrobe. It will be of great service to pageanters given by playgrounds, schools and settlements in the future.

Prominent speakers graced the program of the joint meeting of the Physical Education Bay Section and the Physical Training and Recreation Section of the California Teachers' Association on January 2, at the Hotel Oakland, James Edward Rogers presiding. The principal paper was read by Professor Terman, Leland Stanford University, on "Physical Education from the Standpoint of Hygiene"; and the chief feature was demonstration by 200 Oakland school children, under Miss S. Hagelthorn, supervisor of physical training. Other speakers were Fred Koch, Lowell High School; J. B. Nash, Fremont High School, and Miss Signe Hagelthorn.

Mrs. C. M. Weymann, of the Juvenile Protective Association of San Francisco, has been appointed by Governor Johnson as a director of the California School Girls, to serve for four years. The school will be built at Ventura, other trustees being Mrs. D. G. Stepher, Santa Monica, four years; Mrs. Edgar German, Los Angeles, three years; Mrs. E. P. Foster, Ventura, two years, and Mrs. E. Collins, Santa Ana, one year.

Miss Lecll Sick, formerly with the Philharmonic section of the Recreation League, is now training a class of ten girls in oral expression at the Rachel Wolfsohl Girls' Club. Miss Sick is also in charge of the public speaking class of the San Francisco Center of the Civic League, which meets Wednesday mornings from 10 to 12. At her studio she gives private lessons in oratorical reading, pantomime, literary interpretation, physical culture, dramatics and voice development.

Newspapers Aid League.

San Francisco's four leading dailies, the Bulletin, the Call, the Chronicle and the Examiner have generously donated to the League one copy of their publication every day. All four have also been most courteous in giving publicity to the League's work.

Academic League Handbook.

Attractively illustrated and arranged, the Handbook of the Academic Athletic League of California, 1913, offers in a nutshell all that the year has accomplished in school athletics. The history of the league from its beginning to date, the list of its officers, its aims and ideals, important rules, its track and field records, its medals and trophies, notes for the athlete, suggestions for officials, its constitution and by-laws are among the many interesting chapters. Photographs of the league's officials and of championship team and individual stars are profusely scattered throughout. The American Sports Publishing Company is to be congratulated on this latest addition to its athletic library.

Greetings to Our Friends.

This is RECREATION, the official organ of the Recreation League of San Francisco. Here you are told what the League is doing and what it stands for. You can see at a glance that this is a live organization dealing with live questions of the day practically and scientifically. The League's office is at 1058 Phelan building, and you are welcome to call and see us at work, to consult us, or give us advice.

The League does not belong to us, but to YOU, the citizens of San Francisco, and RECREATION is YOUR paper, not ours. We want YOU to help us make both the League and its official organ up-to-the-minute, thorough and helpful.

Join the League and put yourself on record as one of the citizens eager for wholesome recreation for all the people, for public health, safety and safety. Membership, \$1 a year; contributing \$5; affiliated, \$25; associate, \$50; sustaining, \$100 and life, \$500. Let us hear from you at the Recreation League, 1058 Phelan building, San Francisco.

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III. A Midsummer New Year.

By Eustace M. Peixotto.

In olden times they used to picture the people of the "Antipodes" as walking with their feet up and heads down, and, although in fact they are no more inverted than we, there are many things upside down in these lands below the line.

The idea of New Year in midsummer is not so foreign to us in California as it might be to one in the eastern states. I well remember my last New Year's Day in San Francisco. I attended the "Bulletin's" cross city race, lunched with the Olympic clubmen after their annual "run" and "dip" and witnessed boat races and swimming races at the Exposition site in the afternoon, so that the idea of outdoor sports on the first day of the year does not seem so strange to me.

Still, we do these things in California, rather to "show off" our wonderful climate. They are not in the nature of things but rather the gleanings of a forebearing Nature. Here in the Antipodes New Year, coming in about the same relation to the summer solstice as the Fourth of July with us, is, by nature, a great sports day.

The dawn of 1914 found me and my companions of the All-American Athletic Team in Masterton, New Zealand, where the active members of the party took part in a "sports gathering," held in connection with the annual games of the local Caledonian Society and our team ran while bagpipes skirled and Highland-fingers flung. A "band" of sixteen pipers recruited from local talent and aided and abetted by three snare drums and one bass drum furnished the incidental "music." At one period just as the contestants got down on their marks for the 120-yard hurdles, excited officials rushed about and stopped the races and other contests. "The lamentations now," they said. The pipers climbed a platform and let certain inconclusive harmonies issue from their vicinity, while we all took off our hats and looked pained, which was not difficult. I am not quite sure whether the lamentations are supposed to be represented by the sounds created by the pipers or by the feelings of those who hear them. In my case, I must confess it was the latter. I have heard pipers in our own country, but never a whole "pipe" band playing together, I mean, all at the same time. It was a new and novel experience. I am not quite sure whether it was entirely recreational. Certainly I prefer even a Wagnerian orchestra.

The "band" was but one feature of the day. There were many others, sword dances, reels, flings, piping competitions, for all ages and sexes, a full athletic program for both amateurs and professionals, pillow fights on a spar, walking matches, and so on—seventy events in all, though I missed the familiar sack race, three legged race and pie race of our picnic affairs.

The public park in Masterton in which the band performed and the other events took place is worthy of special mention here for a number of reasons. It is in the heart of town, but a short block from the main street which might be the main street of any prosperous American community of a couple of thousand inhabitants. The park is a half mile square. Some of it is cultivated in

charming flower gardens with shaded walks. In the less cultivated part, further from town, there is a swimming lake a hundred yards long, a tea kiosk close by, and in the center, surrounded and sheltered by tall shade trees, is the green turfed oval on which the sports were held on New Year's Day, and on which upon our return visit two months later we had the most successful day of the whole tour, three records going in the same afternoon.

On not to exceed twelve days a year the Town Council lets this park to various private organizations which apply for the privilege, such as the Caledonian Society in this instance, and they may charge admission, though on the remaining 353 days the park

CITY PLAYGROUNDS CELEBRATE MAY DAY

Five Queens Crowned.

By Frank A. Lawler.

The May Day celebrations, as conducted on the Playgrounds of San Francisco, were the most elaborate that have been offered in this city up to the present time.

In order to give all those interested an opportunity to see the different programs it was necessary to schedule same on both the first and second of May. At 10:30 a. m., May 1st, Miss Margaret Eline was crowned Queen of the May at Presidio Heights Playground. In the afternoon of the same day Miss Sarah Adamson ruled



MAY DAY CELEBRATION AT EXCELSIOR PLAYGROUNDS.

is as open and public as any in America. In this way it serves for the community of Masterton the dual function of a public and a private park, not a bad arrangement for a town of that size.

We left Masterton on the morning of January 2nd, but found it was still New Year when we arrived at Wanganui that afternoon, not because we had come back across the 180th meridian, but because they were holding a three days' celebration. The day we arrived, the second of the three, was devoted to an Axemen's Carnival.

I had seen wood-chopping done on the stage in America by Australians as a vaudeville stunt, but I had never before seen it developed into an athletic contest as it was here. Some eight or ten tree stumps had been sunk into the ground as permanent chopping blocks and to these were nailed sections of New Zealand white pine a foot in diameter and two feet long. The axemen were drawn in heats as for any athletic contest and heat winners went into the finals.

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at Excelsior, while Miss Eleanor Bowman occupied the throne at Southside Playground.

Hamilton Playground was the scene of activity on Saturday morning, when Miss Leah La Play placed the garland of royalty on the head of Miss Beatrice Rinaldi. At 2:15 o'clock Miss Margaret Wralty, escorted by the queens of the earlier celebrations, was the royal dispenser of mirth at Jackson Playground.

Flags and bunting were profusely used to give the different playgrounds a gala appearance, while thousands of roses were needed to carry out the schemes of decoration. Folk dancing was the chief source of entertainment and, dressed in appropriate costumes, the following dances were portrayed: Highland Schottische, Norwegian Mountain March, Danish Dance of Greeting, Finnish Reel, Hop Mo Annika, Shoemaker's Dance, How Do You Do, My Partner, Hansel and Gretel, Tarantella, Ostend, and the "ever old, but always new" May Pole Dance.

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

THE Park Commission has tentatively agreed to turn over the remaining half of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission, providing the temporary school building located in the center of the square be removed by July 1st. If this action is carried out, it will mark another step in the campaign which the Recreation League has been aiding for the conversion of small parks into play areas.

Besides Golden Gate Park, the Park Commission has under its jurisdiction twenty-four of these smaller parks scattered through the city. Only eight have any equipment in the way of recreational facilities. Most of them are mere beauty spots, and the gardener's hose is often more effective to small boys than the "Keep off the grass" signs were. Many are even unsafe for small boys, let alone girls, due to the character of the men to be found there. This is not mere assertion; the Police Court records will furnish proof.

None of the parks under the jurisdiction of the Park Board has any supervision, although such parks as Lobos Square, Balboa Park and portions of Mission Park and Golden Gate Park are practically nothing but playgrounds, including in their equipment baseball diamonds, tennis courts, swings, teeter boards, sand boxes, gymnastic apparatus and so forth. There has been no attempt to regulate the activities upon them, with the result that in most cases the younger children are practically excluded, and the swings intended for their use become lounging places for "bums." In fact, because of this lack of supervision, many parents will not allow their children to play in these places. It has been the general verdict of those who have made study of social conditions in various parts of the country that unsupervised playgrounds are worse than no playgrounds at all. They are breeding places for vicious practices and dangerous characters, and San Francisco's small parks seem to uphold this theory to a considerable extent. The conversion of most of the small parks into playgrounds under supervision would solve to a great extent at a comparatively small cost the great need of this community for more play areas. We might well follow the example of Chicago, where the motto has been, "Every Park a

Playground, and Every Playground a Park," and which, as a result, has developed the finest system of public recreation in the country. When one looks at the map of San Francisco one sees that the city is pretty well provided with these small parks, and the only regret is that they do not serve more use than they do. They are like old-fashioned parlors, to look at and not to live in.

THE Recreation League has great cause for congratulation in the fact that the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors, consisting of Messrs. Jennings, McCarthy and Payot, has placed items of \$3,000 for Social Centers, and \$2,500 for a Lecture Bureau in the city budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The League advocated \$10,000 for the combined purposes, and while it was not successful in obtaining the full amount asked for, those conversant with the ways of city affairs realize that anything was a great victory. After all, the biggest achievement is the recognition by the finance committee of this new branch of the city government's activities.

It is always easier to obtain funds for establishing old things than for new ones. With but little question officials add a few thousand dollars to hire a few more clerks or policemen or inspectors in already existing departments, but they think a long time before they put an entirely new item in the budget. For this reason the recognition of the idea of the wider use of the schoolhouse by the appropriation actually made for that purpose is the most noteworthy step in advance for those interested in public recreation since the establishment of the Playground Commission in 1908.

Three thousand dollars will make a beginning. A few successful centers will convert the project from an experiment into a vital civic need in the minds of the public, and the public officials and additional sums to widen the scope of the work will not be so hard to obtain as was the first recognition. All this provided the centers are intelligently managed by persons familiar with that type of work. Badly conducted, they may easily become a community menace rather than a community boon.

The establishment of the lecture bureau, discontinued six months ago for lack of funds, is another thing that will be hailed with delight by the thousands of pupils who attended these lectures in past months.

Closely allied with these items is the allowance of \$3,000 for school athletics, which was also endorsed by the League. For this work \$1,000 was asked by the Public Schools Athletic League and endorsed by the Board of Education. As much as \$3,000 has been spent in this work before, but the item has not always been a separate one, as this year. In fact, \$3,000 will not support school athletic work as it is now being carried on, much less provide for needed extensions to bring in larger numbers of children.

The directors of the Public Schools Athletic League, at a meeting held May 12th, decided to go before the open Board of Supervisors and make a plea for the additional \$7,000.

There will be no June and July issues of Recreation. In view of the fact that many of the League's activities are at a standstill during the summer months, the executive committee has decided to issue but ten numbers a year.

BOYS' ORGANIZATIONS PLAN SUMMER OUTINGS

Preparing for Camp.

By James Edward Rogers.

A number of organizations are planning to provide summer outings for the boys of San Francisco during the school vacation. Great benefits are to be derived from taking boys out into the country and giving them that taste of outdoor life that comes all too seldom to the city-bred lad.

The largest summer camp this year will be maintained by the Y. M. C. A., near Cazadero. It is expected that over two hundred boys will avail themselves of the opportunity to spend a few weeks in the beautiful Marin woods. The Y. M. C. A. camp will be in charge of Raymond O. Hansen, Director of Boys' Work, who will have a corps of capable adult assistants. The camp will be organized with a city government, one of the boys being elected mayor.

Two camps will be maintained by the Columbia Park Boys' Club. Major Sidney S. Peixotto, president of the club, will lead a party of fifty-five on a walking trip to Eureka and return. The boys will give entertainments in the towns along the way, and expect by this means to pay their expenses and that of the club's other camp at Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The latter outing will be a stationary camp organized as a republic, and known as the "State of Columbia." This camp, founded thirteen years ago, has been conducted regularly every summer since its beginning. This year its president will be Charles F. Norton, head worker of the club. The "president" will have a "cabinet" of adult "secretaries," who in turn will direct boy "commissioners" who have charge of the "citizens," who must do all the camp work, including the cooking, dishwashing, cleaning up camp and the like. Mr. Norton's party will number about 100 persons.

Harry F. Tiedeman, head worker of the Boys' Club of the People's Place, will also take a group of thirty boys from the North Beach district to Carmel-by-the-Sea, where they will camp about a mile from the Columbia Park Boys. Mr. Tiedeman makes swimming and outdoor sports a great feature of his camp.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society will conduct its camp at Sebastopol, as usual, where the boys, under the supervision of Superintendent George C. Turner, will pick strawberries and so earn both their vacation and pocket money enough to last them the rest of the year.

Conference of Ministers.

A conference of ministers of all denominations was held on Tuesday, May 5th, at the offices of the Recreation League, to discuss the aims and activities of the League, the object being to stimulate the interest and sympathy of the churches in the League's work. It was proposed by Dr. Aked and seconded by Dr. Stephens that the matter be brought before the next meeting of the Church Federation, and that Mr. James Edward Rogers be invited to be present for the purpose of explaining in detail the work and plans of the League.

Plan Roof Garden.

The Emporium management has prepared plans for a pergola and roof garden for the use of their employees in connection with the welfare and recreation work being carried on under the direction of Mrs. M. V. Greene and Miss Lotita Corella.

THE MOUNTAIN PLAY ON TAMALPAIS

"Shakuntala," the Hindu Drama.

By Mrs. D. E. F. Easton.

The purpose of the Mountain Play Association is to introduce Mt. Tamalpais in a more intimate way, both to those who are familiar with its wonders and to the many who are yet to learn of them, by the production of the great Mountain Play of India, "Shakuntala," written 1800 years ago by Kalidasa, the most famous of East Indian dramatists.

The scene is laid upon the wonderful Himalayas, and now produced for the first time in the open air, at Rock Springs, on the top of this purple mountain, this guardian of San Francisco Bay, Sunday, May 17th, 1914, 1:30 p. m. The translation used in the performance is by Dr. Arthur W. Ryder, Professor of Sanskrit in the University of California. There will be a cast of fifty people under the direction of Mr. Garnet Holme.

This romantic drama, as did others of the time, opens with a benediction. This will be adhered to in the May production. The benediction will be chanted in Sanskrit by Hindus in native costume, to show the spirit in which the play is offered on this day of rest. The blessing of the Indian play is generally followed by a dialogue between the manager and one of the players, in this instance an actor, a complimentary tribute is paid to the audience, mention is made of the author of the play, the players are introduced and the real performance begins. The story in brief is that of the love of a hermit maid, Shakuntala (the name signifying Little Peacock) and King Dushyanta, from whom she accepts a marriage ring, which she later loses in the Ganges while worshipping on the banks. The king returns to his court, the sage Durvasa becomes enraged because of her neglect of him, declares she shall be forgotten by the king. Shakuntala goes to the court of her husband, the curse of the sage is fulfilled, the king fails to recognize her. After a period of years the ring is found by a fisherman, returned to the king, the crest engraved being the means of identification. With the return of the ring the king recalls his hermit bride and she is made his queen.

Of special interest to automobilists is the fact that on one day of the year—Sunday, May 17th—automobiles will have the privilege of motoring to the top of Mt. Tamalpais where there is parking space for 1000 cars. No car will be permitted to go up the road after 1:30 p. m. On the day following the play, Mr. Kent's private road, thrown open to autos for the occasion of this Mountain Play, will be closed.

RECREATION SKETCHES

IN THE SOUTH SEAS

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The events were handicaps, as is practically everything in this part of the world, and the better choppers had to give away several seconds' start to those of lesser ability. The man whose section of pine fell into two pieces first was the winner. One heat over, attendants removed the chopped pieces, fastened new pieces to the permanent blocks and the next group of axemen took their places. There were also "chops" in which the contestant stood on the log he was cutting, and, besides these, sawing contests both for individuals and for teams of two. Taken altogether, it made quite a full and not uninteresting program of a type of contest that is surely athletic enough in its strenuousness and has no small element of utility besides. Why not some such contests in our lumber camps? A suggestion to the rural recreationist!

SECTION NOTES

Aquatics.

The aquatic section of the League, under the direction of Mr. Walter Macarthur, chairman, is working diligently to preserve the only available spot for a people's recreation beach at Black Point Cove. At the present time it seems that commercialism will probably win out and that Black Point Cove will be lost as a possible aquatic park. However, the section is doing everything in its power to legally prevent this fatality, for it would indeed be a great detriment to this municipality and for future generations to lose at this time the one possible site for a people's aquatic park. It is the old story of many big cities losing their opportunities to preserve the sites that would be of immense value and worth to their people in the future.

Boys'.

Under the auspices of the Boys' Section, a meeting of the managers of the Boys' Club Athletic League was called on April 28th to assist this organization, which threatened to become defunct, to renewed vitality.

On account of the approaching vacation days, it was decided to attempt nothing in the way of a spring meet, but tentative plans were made for the autumn. These include a reorganization meeting early in August, a track meet, a basketball tournament conducted on a percentage basis, and the formation of a referees' association among the older boys of the different clubs which are members of the organization.

Pageant.

Miss Genevieve King, chairman of the Pageant Section, has recently returned from the East where she has been studying in great cities the organization and financial side of pageant work. She made a very close investigation of the arrangements made by the St. Louis Pageant management. It is hoped that several members of the Committee on Pageantry will be able to witness this great celebration at St. Louis. In the very near future the Committee is to meet and hear from Miss King her views on the most practical way of using the knowledge she has brought back with her.

Philharmonic.

The Philharmonic Orchestra held its first concert of the year at the Pavilion Rink, Sutter and Pierce streets, on May 14th. A large and appreciative audience listened to the selections rendered by Herman Perlet and his sixty musicians. The orchestra has received material assistance from the New Era League in its campaign for funds to carry on its work of presenting high-class music at popular prices.

Dance Hall.

The Dance Hall Section has been considering the project of Mr. Michael Fisher to erect a dance hall at the southwest corner of Turk and Jones streets. Mr. Fisher has conducted dance halls in Seattle which have been reported by members of the Section as being quite ideal in their equipment and management. Mr. Fisher has offered to appoint anyone the Section may designate to manage the dances. The Section, while approving the general scheme, does not favor the location on which it is proposed to erect the building. It has therefore withheld its endorsement pending further conferences with Mr. Fisher and Mr. Spencer Grant, his local representative.

Social Center.

Now that the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors has placed the sum of \$3,000 in the 1914-15 budget for social cen-

PERFORMANCE BY MONROE SOCIAL CENTER

Varied Program Planned.

By Miss A. M. Hagarty.

The boys and girls who have been attending the various clubs of the social center at the Monroe School, which was established as an experiment by the Recreation League a year ago, are to give an exhibition of the work they have been doing at the Building Trades Auditorium, Fourteenth and Guerrero streets, on Friday evening, May 22d, assisted by younger pupils of the Monroe School, who will present a cantata. The admission will be 50 cents, and all money derived from the performance will be used to assist the work of the Social Center.

The full program follows:

1. Pyramid Building, Boys' Gymnasium Club, Mr. Lee Waymire, Director.
2. "The Burglar," a Farce in One Act:

CAST.

Peggy (the hostess).....Dora Oliva
Mabel (a bride).....Frances Feeney
Valeri (a widow).....Julia Breny
Edith (a little fearful).....Stella Brett
Freda (a friend in need).....Edna Reichardt
Time: Present.

Place: Room in Peggy's country cottage.

Produced under the direction of Miss Gertrude Reichardt, of the Ethel Cotton Studio of Expression.

3. Chorus by the Girls' Club, under direction of Miss Frances Moran.
4. Cantata, "Meeting of the Nations."

All the nations of the world send representatives to visit California and are introduced by California girls to the assembled company. The costumes, songs and dances are characteristic of the nations represented. There are 125 children participating. The Girls' Gymnasium Club and the Girls' Choral will contribute to parts of the cantata.

The affair is conducted by Miss Helen Inglis, Miss Frances Moran and Miss Genevieve Meloche.

Miss M. D. McGlade, the supervisor of music in the public schools, has given valuable assistance in the music and general direction of the cantata.

ters this Section of the League will devote its attention to seeing that there is no cutting of this appropriation during its progress through the Board of Supervisors and Board of Education, and of lending such practical assistance as it may to the city officials in determining how the centers shall be organized.

National Association.

For the past three years the National Playground and Recreation Association has maintained offices in San Francisco for the Pacific Coast. The work of the Association in the State, and particularly in the bay region, cannot be over-estimated. It has promoted the recreation and playground movement through the distribution of literature, the giving of free illustrated lectures, the collection of a library on this subject, of maps, models and pictures—the latter being loaned for exhibitions and congresses—and the giving of personal advice and information about any recreational topic. It has been of particular service to the rural and urban communities. Both the Recreation League and the National Association have worked hand in hand for the accomplishment of the many recreational achievements during the past two years.

Concert at Girls' Club.

The orchestra and choral organizations of the Rachel Wolfsohn Girls' Club gave a charming musical evening at the clubhouse on Capp street on Friday evening, May 8, which was attended by over 300 persons. The concert was followed by a social dance.

ATHLETICS.

Editors:

High Schools, Sidney M. Tibbetts.
Grammar Schools, Ray Daugherty.
Leon Schoenfeld, Reporter.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Sub-League Meet.

The San Francisco Sub-League track meet was held at the Golden Gate Park Stadium Saturday, May 9. A number of records were broken. The schools scored points as follows:

Cogswell 62½, Lowell 60, Polytechnic 47, Commercial 33½, Lick 28, Sacred Heart 15, Wilmerding 14, Mission 10, Humboldt 3.

Baseball.

Lowell won the Sub-League baseball series this spring, defeating all the other schools entered, and by defeating Palo Alto High has won its way to the finals of the Academic Athletic League of California.

Lowell 9, Commerce 0.
Lowell 9, Wilmerding 0 (forfeit).
Lowell 4, Sacred Heart 0.
Lowell 9, Cogswell 0 (forfeit).
Lowell 4, St. Ignatius 2.
Lowell 3, Palo Alto 2 (12 innings).

PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

Championship Track Meet.

The sixth annual track meet of the Public Schools Athletic League of San Francisco was held at the Southside Playgrounds on Saturday afternoon, May 9. A greater proportion of all the boys originally entered actually competed this year than ever before. The result was a number of very closely contested events. When the scoring began it was nip and tuck between Laguna Honda and Hearst for first place, but the great number of firsts in the final events landed by the Laguna Honda runners placed them decisively in the lead. The events were run off with the dispatch for which the league's work has become noted. This is the third consecutive year in which the Laguna Honda boys have taken first honors for their school on the cinder track. The first five schools scored points as follows:

Laguna Honda 33, Hearst 21, Crocker 13, Roosevelt 12, John Swett 11.

Baseball.

The baseball tournaments in the four districts is now practically completed. The following schools have won in their sections:

95 Pound Class.

First District—Hancock.

Second District—Crocker, Hamilton and Laguna Honda tied and must play off.

Third District—Franklin, winner of Division A, plays Horace Mann, winner of B Division.

Fourth District—Monroe.

Unlimited Class.

First District—Hancock, winner of Division A, plays John Swett, winner of Division B.

Second District—Laguna Honda.

Third District—Mission, winner of Division A, plays Horace Mann, winner of B Division.

Fourth District—Glen Park.

Novice Meet.

The fourth annual novice meet of the P. S. A. L. will be held at the Stadium in Golden Gate Park on May 23. This is for boys of lesser ability, and no one who has ever won a place in a championship meet may take part. An unlimited number of entries is allowed from each school. Small novice buttons are awarded the first four boys to finish.

CLUB ATHLETICS.

Columbia Park Boys' Meet.

The Columbia Park Boys' Club held its annual track and field meet at Jackson Playgrounds on the afternoon of Sunday, April 19, under the efficient management of Head-worker Charles F. Norton and a corps of capable assistants from the club. Over 200 boys competed in the various events. The afternoon clubs, four in number, composed of the younger boys of the club, contested among themselves.

Thursday afternoon won with 37 points, Wednesday scored 29, Tuesday 17 and Friday 15.

Three night clubs competed with the Band. Results—Band 105, Wednesday 53, Tuesday 49, Thursday 29.

People's Place Track Meet.

The initial track meet of the Boys' Clubs from the People's Place was held at Southside Playgrounds on Sunday afternoon, April 26. The meet was directed by H. F. Tiedemann. The boys were divided into the following classes: Baby, midget and unlimited. Two clubs composed of boys from the Hancock School competed against two of Washington School adherents. These were named the Pennsylvania and Pacific for Hancock and the Princeton and Peerless for Washington. After a number of close races, the Hancock clubs succeeded in nosing out the Washington boys by a score of 101 points to 98 points.

Jewish Sabbath Schools Field Day.

The Jewish Sabbath Schools Athletic League will hold a track meet at the Stadium, Golden Gate Park, on Sunday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m. The organization comprises four Sabbath Schools and the Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum.

Lectures on Recreation Topics.

The Social Service Commission of the Diocese of California is presenting a program of lectures on social questions, the speakers in every case being specialists who are actually dealing with the problems they discuss. Rev. Charles N. Lathrop of San Francisco is chairman of this commission; Rev. H. Cowley-Carroll, of Ross, the secretary. Among the lectures quoted on the announcement, which has just been issued, are "Public Recreation," Mr. James E. Rogers, secretary of the San Francisco Recreation League, and "Amusements," Miss Mary Ashe Miller, member of the Board of Censorship of San Francisco.

THE SINEWS OF WAR.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports the following list of subscriptions to the work of the Recreation League for the month of April:

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Mrs. M. J. Brandenstein.....	25.00
Miss Dorothy Jeffers.....	1.00

Total\$151.00

Junior Exposition.

The San Francisco Junior Exposition will open on May 19th, and be continued until the 23d. Twenty thousand classified exhibits according to age have been received from the young people of San Francisco, and these will be grouped in the following departments: Art, Arts and Crafts, Agriculture, Commerce, Collections, Domestic Art, Domestic Science, Industrial Drawing, Literature, Metal Work, Millinery, Music, Pets, Primary Handiwork and Woodwork. The exposition will be held at the Dreamland and Pavilion Rink. No one interested in children's education or recreation should miss this exhibit.

Sydney Boys May Come.

The Public Schools Athletic Association of Sydney, New South Wales, is to consider the matter of sending a team of school boys to the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. The fact that there were to be school-boy meets was brought to the attention of the Secretary of the League during the recent visit of the All-America Track Team and he thought the project of bringing a group of Sydney school boys to San Francisco, by no means an impossible one.



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...OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR 1914-1915...

By JAMES EDWARD ROGERS,
Executive Secretary Recreation League.

The past years of the League have been busy ones in constructive work of which we may be duly proud. The most recent accomplishment—the helping to bring about an enlargement of the recreation work in our public schools—is perhaps the most notable achievement.

The opportunities for the coming year are many, for it will be in this period that recreation will be staged in the various departments of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

As executive secretary of the Recreation League, it seems to me that our constructive program for the year 1914-1915 may include such work as:

1. To obtain the use of Hamilton square and part of Jefferson square as a playground; and to assist the Playground Commission in getting a larger appropriation for the extension of playground work.

2. To co-operate with the Board of Education in its recreational work—the Department of Physical Education and

Recreation in the school—and to continue through our Social Center Section to lend aid to the development of the social center work in the city.

3. To work, through our Dance Hall Section, for constructive legislation and to continue to educate the community to the point that it shall see that dancing and liquor should be divorced, and that strict supervision as to license and conduct in public dance halls is a necessity.

4. To aid all organizations and movements aiming to acquire for San Francisco a people's recreation beach, esplanade and the general development of the splendid waterfront of San Francisco.

5. To introduce, through the Legislative Section, legislation on motion pictures and other forms of commercialized recreation, and to carry forward the work on the proposed Charter Amendment for a Recreation Commission, which would plan for clean and wholesome recreation for young and old of the city.

6. The Boys' and Girls' Sections should combine in a program for taking care of the recreation of the working boy and girl between the ages of 16 and 22.

7. To develop, through the Girls' Section, the recreational and athletic life of the girls in school and out of school. Practically nothing has been done in this direction.

8. To develop, through the Boys' Section, the camp at Sloat boulevard, so that it may be used as a week end recreation center.

9. To co-operate, through the Pageant Section, which has done such successful work this past year, with other organizations and with the Panama-Pacific Exposition, in public fetes and celebrations.

10. Most important of all to get our affiliated organizations in closer touch with the League; to obtain greater support and co-operation among our members, and to gather in a greater membership. In brief, to do "intensive farming" in the League itself.

...BOYS' ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SUCCESSFUL CAMPS...

MILITARY DISCIPLINE A FEATURE AT "CAMP MCCOY"

By RAYMOND O. HANSON,
Boys' Work Secretary, Y. M. C. A.

Camp McCoy, the official camp of the Boys' Division of the Young Men's Christian Association, was conducted as usual among the redwoods at Cazadero from June 8th to July 6th.

The camp this year was operated along strictly military lines, with boys in uniform, titled officers, day and night guard duty, etc. This is the first Y. M. C. A. camp in North America to make such a departure from the regular order of discipline, and its success exceeded all expectations. The fact that one boy, who spent seven hours in the guard-house on a bread and water diet, declared it to be a "bully" camp, is evidence of the popularity of the system among the boys.

A model municipal form of government was also in vogue, with a boy mayor, chief of police, judge, district attorney and city council.

One hundred and twenty-five boys were in attendance during the period of one month. In addition to the regular routine of activities, hikes were made to Fort Ross, the old Russian fortification on the Pacific slope, to Guerneville, to Pole Mountain, and many other points of interest.

A trainload of parents from the city spent "Parents' Day" in the camp, and a big athletic meet was held on the Fourth of July.

Motion pictures were taken of the camp by the Mutual Weekly.

A crowd of older boys were also taken on a hike through the Yosemite Valley during the summer, and all report an excellent outing.

BOYS OF PEOPLE'S PLACE LEARN HOW TO COOK

By HARRY N. TIEDEMANN,
Head Worker, People's Place Boys' Clubs.

The People's Place Boys' Club consisted of 25 boys between the ages of 9 and 15, and was located at Carmel for nearly four months.

While in points of organization, discipline and esprit de corps, it did not compare with the nearby Columbia Park camp, yet in one feature I am of the opinion it easily equaled it. This was in the training of the boys in cooking and dishwashing, and the system in vogue made it necessary for every boy to learn the lessons. The camp was divided into three parties under the leadership of an older boy, which rotated daily in the work of cooking, dishwashing and care of the camp.

Each evening the party charged with next day's cooking was called together by Mrs. A. Spozio, and the menu for the day laid out, the method of cooking thoroughly explained and the work parceled out. Every boy in the party was obliged to show himself familiar with the principles involved. Economy and cleanliness (the last under difficult conditions) were insisted upon. By the time camp was over every boy, from the smallest up, was familiar with the principles of camp cooking. The same held true for dishwashing, which was taken in hand by Mrs. Ira M. Kennedy of the Sierra Club, and every boy in camp learned to wash dishes clean with the least possible effort. Except for these features, our camp was much like others, and thoroughly enjoyed by every boy in it.

A SEVEN WEEKS' WALKING TRIP WITH FIFTY-SIX BOYS

By SIDNEY S. PEIXOTTO,
President Columbia Park Boys' Club.

Fifty-six boys, led by myself and Mr. Burke, the physical director of Columbia Park Boys' Club, made the 480-mile walk from Santa Rosa through Humboldt County to Eureka, down the Pacific Coast to Mendocino and over the mountains to Ukiah, from June 6th to July 26th of this summer. The party was the largest ever taken on the sixteen yearly walking tours this club has made and perhaps the best equipped from every point of view. Many splendid day-walks were made. The walk from Blue Rock to Harris, distance 23 miles, the boys covered by lunch time, the leaders starting at 6:45 and arriving at 12:15. On July 25th, the camp rose at 5:03, cooked breakfast, consisting of cornmeal mush and chocolate, ate, cleaned up the pots, packed the two wagons and harnessed the four horses, and left the camp in the record time of 41 minutes. The boys, leaving at 5:44 a. m., were in Ukiah, 14 miles away, by 9:05 a. m. The Band of this party was above average and gave concerts in beautiful Sequoia Park, Eureka, to the largest Sunday crowds ever carried by the local railway. The boys gave 28 evening performances, which totaled \$2720 income and showed a net profit above the expenses of the trip of \$875. The entertainment was a splendid exhibition of recreational play. The dancing act, done by thirty boys, showing the dances of Germany, Scotland, Ireland and Russia, and the American breakdown, was an attractive ending of the first part. The comic and serious acrobatic acts were splendid. The

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

AFTER a conference with the Law and Legislative Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council the Recreation League has secured promise of even closer co-operation from that body, which has always been a member of the League. The closer relationship is as it should be, for in many ways the interests of one are the interests of the other, at least the work of one is of necessity complementary to the work of the other. With the achievement of better living conditions for the working man, especially the most sought for condition of shorter hours of work, the problem of leisure becomes all the more important to him. If the securing of more hours of rest means the spending of more hours in vicious pursuits, it is questionable whether any real benefit has been secured, even from the point of view of efficiency in work. Hence, all the more need of provision of wholesome, public recreation facilities through which the workingman will be able to enjoy his leisure. It is planned during the coming year to send speakers representing the League to address the various unions, to bring home these considerations more directly to the workingmen themselves.

SAN FRANCISCO welcomes Mr. E. B. DeGroot. Those who are interested in public recreation progress in this city see in Mr. DeGroot's coming the dawn of a new era. His presence here will make San Francisco rise from a somewhat backward to a foremost place in the estimation of other communities as a promoter of public recreation. The idea that many of us have had of a consolidation of the recreation interests of the municipality under one head has been achieved in the creation of the position occupied by Mr. DeGroot. Many of us thought of this as a consummation to be looked forward to in the somewhat dim and distant future. It has come far more quickly than anyone dreamed of.

Mr. DeGroot has been appointed by the Board of Education to head all the recreation activities conducted in the school-houses, including physical education work in school time, school athletics after hours, social center and lecture work in the evening. By a "gentleman's agreement" with the Playground Commission, which is to pay a portion of his salary, Mr. DeGroot will also exercise general supervision over the work of that department, and thus correlate its work with that of the School

Board in order to achieve a maximum of economy and efficiency.

There have been some grumbings and rumblings from those who do not like to see the city go outside of its own sons for a person to take an important public position and from those who have seen the work or rather lack of work of some "Eastern experts" we have had among us. Mr. DeGroot is not an "Eastern expert" as we know the breed. In fact, he is essentially what we describe as a Western type of man—full of vigor, push and hard work. He is coming out here not to better his condition for he comes at a considerable pecuniary loss, but because he likes the field of work and considers it the most promising of any in the country.

It is "up to" every organization and every person sincerely interested in the welfare of public recreation in San Francisco to get behind Mr. DeGroot, to give him the support of public opinion and to demand that he be given the opportunity in the way of adequate funds to properly develop his plans.

WHO'S WHAT

Miss Alicia Mosgrove has returned after an absence of fifteen months and again assumed the chairmanship of the Dance Hall Section. Mrs. A. E. Graupner held this position while Miss Mosgrove was out of town.

Four members of the Executive Committee of the Recreation League are aspiring for political honors in the coming election. Judge A. E. Graupner seeks re-election to the Superior Bench, A. J. Cloud aspires to the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Alexander Russell is a candidate for the State Senate, and Nicholas J. Prendergast for the Assembly.

Edward B. Moran, for a number of years a director of the Public Schools Athletic League and its attorney, is another aspirant for a place on the Superior Bench, while Charles Francis Adams, an active member of the Membership Committee of the Recreation League, is running for Justice of the Peace.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. De Groot and their son Burton left for Chicago via Los Angeles on August 11th. Mr. De Groot goes East to wind up his affairs preparatory to assuming his duties in the San Francisco School Department in November.

Mr. Kelso of the Los Angeles High School was a recent visitor in San Francisco, on his way home from the N. E. A. and National Social Center conventions. Mr. Kelso is a hard worker for the social center movement and is endeavoring to organize a social center exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

While Chairman George C. Turner of the Social Center Section has been away with his boys in Sebastopol, Mrs. F. W. Thompson has been acting chairman of the Section, which has had plenty of work and "watchful waiting" during the summer, while the matter of the use of the appropriation secured for the purpose was still hanging fire in the Board of Education.

Mr. Melville Nickelsburg, the new chairman of the Dance Hall Sub-committee of the Recreation Survey Section of the Commonwealth Club, has recently returned from his vacation. Mr. Nickelsburg is planning a complete survey of dance hall conditions in this city during the winter to supplement the preliminary one made a year ago as part of the recreation survey made by the Commonwealth Club.

"There is no sovereignty of the people if the several sections of the people are loggerheads to one another. Sovereignty comes with co-operation. . . . Everywhere you find men . . . determined to solve the problems by acting together, no matter what older bonds they may break, no matter what former prepossessions they may throw off, determined to get together."—President Woodrow Wilson.

SECTION NOTES

Boys.

The Boys' Section is contemplating a program of endeavoring to bring into closer touch and harmony the various organizations dealing with boys' recreation and of promoting athletics for the working boy. Along the line of the latter proposal Miss Jones of the Board of Education at the recent luncheon of the Recreation League proposed the conversion of some vacant downtown school property into play areas for working lads.

As many of the members of the Section have been away during the summer no meeting has been held for some months but one will be called during the next few weeks to consider in detail the program outlined above.

EUSTACE M. PEIXOTTO,
Chairman.

Social Center.

The members of the Social Center Section are rejoicing in the success which has crowned their efforts. After conducting a Social Center in the Monroe School for a year with very gratifying attendance and demonstrating to the authorities that the wider use of our school buildings for cultural and recreational activity is not only possible but is attended with noticeably good results in the neighborhood. We succeeded in securing splendid appropriations for the work.

The plan for merging the Social Center work with the Lecture Bureau and Public School athletics under one management is a good one for it will avoid duplication of positions and tend to economy all along the line.

Finally, the securing of so successful and experienced a director as Mr. E. B. DeGroot insures success from the start.

It now remains for everyone interested in the movement for clean, wholesome recreation for old and young to get behind Mr. DeGroot and help to make his work all that we would like it to be.

The work of the Social Center Section is not over by any means for our efforts will be needed to create and maintain public interest in the work.

With the increase in population which we expect with the opening of the Panama Canal and the presence of thousands of visitors to the Exposition, it seems a most opportune time for inaugurating in our city a line of work which has been so helpful in Eastern cities.

GEORGE C. TURNER, Chairman.

Dance Hall.

The Dance Hall Section has been working unceasingly on the dance hall ordinance, which this Section condemns as absolutely inefficient for the dance hall situation as it exists at present in this city. The Section has gone over the ordinance most carefully and has suggested several changes, chief among which are the following:

First, that the powers be taken from the Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors and given to the Police Commissioners;

Second, that a clause be inserted to the effect that minors shall not enter any public dance hall without parent or guardian at any time. The present clause permits minors under eighteen to enter dance halls before 10 o'clock.

The Section has held many meetings in the past few weeks at the League offices and at the Civic Center in the effort to change this ordinance so that it may cover the dance hall situation capably.

ALICIA MOSGROVE, Chairman.

FUN AND WORK COMBINED AT "CAMP PERKINS"

By GEORGE C. TURNER,
Superintendent Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

The summer outing of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society on the Barlow Ranch, near Sebastopol, Sonoma County, commenced this year on June 5 with an enrollment of 125 boys, increasing during the summer to 149. In addition to the wards of the Aid Society, a large number of boys from the Parental School in San Francisco were admitted and a great many volunteers who enrolled for the period of the school vacation.

The camp was to a certain extent self-governing, the boys electing from their number a Mayor, a City Clerk and a Sheriff, in addition to whom there is a City Council consisting of the Captains of

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dramatic displays consisted of two good farces: One, an English farce of quality, and the other, an original mirth-provoking Columbia Park play. The boys played baseball in most every community visited and all the fifty-six are excellent swimmers. These great boy outings, where all the work of camp is done by boys, the cooking, house-cleaning, kitchen work, wood-chopping, wagon-packing, stage and business management, costume-making and many other departments are, certainly, the finest training in recreational play that I believe have so far been devised. And when I add that the party slept seven weeks on the ground, without tents, in sleeping bags made by the boys themselves and that each boy gained in height, weight and body-building almost beyond belief, I feel certain that the day must come when this work will find imitators.



COLUMBIA PARK BOYS ON TRAMP.

squads or working parties and the Captains of Tents, ten in all, and all elected by ballot.

The Fourth of July program, consisting of athletic events, races, running, broad jump, high jump, relay race, tugs-of-war, etc., was in charge of the Athletic Committee and was very successful. For many evenings before the Fourth the contestants trained in their gymnasium suits.

In July a party of seventeen boys accompanied me to the top of Mt. Jackson, stopping at the Russian River on their return for a swim and on August 1 another and larger party spent the day on the river as a reward for being the best behaved tent for a period of two weeks.

The boys were beaten by the Boy Scouts of Sebastopol in a game of baseball in June, but on the Fourth of July were victorious over the Gold Ridge nine. Baseball and swimming are the most popular forms of recreation at Camp, the swimming hole being visited on an average three times a week.

The berry picking, by means of which the camp is supported, has not been heavy this year and there has been time for two or three ball games a week.

The pleasant evenings have been devoted to recreation, the use of the phonograph and an occasional campfire.

"Our cities . . . continually forget that recreation is stronger than vice, and that recreation alone can stifle the lust for vice."—Jane Addams.

Model School at Exposition.

At the recent luncheon of the Recreation League Mr. Wallace Hatch, chief assistant in the Department of Education and Social Economy of the P. P. I. E., told of the plans that are being developed for a model school as part of the exhibit in his department. He has secured the co-operation of the Board of Education and the Winfield Scott School, which is practically within the Exposition grounds, will be remodeled and all the latest wrinkles of building and equipment illustrated and a curriculum be worked out. A number of the visiting educators will be introduced. It is expected that a number of cities and states will send some of their best teachers here to take classes in special work in this school, which will be visited by all educators attending the Exposition.

"Slowly the filial sense of subordination under the Government as a power before is giving way. The upward running ties of reverence by which we are held together in a common attitude of awe, as children under a parent, are being cut through, worn out, denied, by our growing sense of democracy; and with their cutting our old unity is going. Politically orphaned, we are becoming conscious that, like children when the parental protection and authority is gone, we must assume to be grown up now, for the responsibilities of order in the household are ours. Consciously, or unconsciously, we are losing the unity of obedience; how shall we find the unity of agreement?"—Edward J. Ward.

BOYS' REPUBLIC ORGANIZED AT CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

By CHARLES F. NORTON,

Head Worker, Columbia Park Boys' Club.

One hundred Columbia Park Boys camped this summer in beautiful Carmel-by-the-Sea. For fourteen years, this "State of Columbia," the summer government camp, has been maintained with unvarying success. Its republican form of government, with a constitution and model laws, has splendid traditions and a record of great accomplishments. All the boys are part of a work scheme, and are divided under seven department heads—State, Commissary, Interior, Inspections, Health, Entertainment, and Recreation. An adult secretary heads each department, and the work shifts under him have boy commissioners in charge of each, who are responsible to their secretary for the groups of boys of which they have charge.

The routine of camp is regulated by the bugle. Reveille is blown at 6 a. m., and a half hour later the boys are all lined up on the parade grounds for morning exercises.

The boys are divided into two rival political parties, called Optimus and Maximus. A continuous sports program, including baseball, track athletics, cross-country runs, swimming, tugs-of-war, and a military competitive drill, is carried out day by day, with selected party teams as contestants.

The highest standard is set for a clean and sanitary camp. Each morning the Secretary of Inspections goes about searching each tent to see that it is properly kept, and announces at the noon-day meal the conditions of all the tents. Every Sunday morning a general camp inspection is made, and the personal appearance and belongings of each boy are carefully looked into.

After the flag had been lowered each evening, with proper military honors, all the boys gather around the camp-fire. Columbia Park endeavors to bring out the best there is in its boys in the way of talent, and around these summer camp-fires many of the club "stars" have shown their first burst of genius. Then the camp-fires are the making of more formal entertainments, and this year the Carmel people attending the camp shows in their Forest Theater in as large numbers as they attended their own forest plays. Indeed, for the first time in its history, the summer camp provided for itself by its own earnings. A performance was also given in Monterey under the auspices of the Mayor and Council, and the boys were royally entertained and urged to camp near this historic town next year. The boys were thanked publicly by a resolution of the Council and the President was complimented upon their exemplary behavior.

As an antithesis to the general good behavior every camp must have its "rough-house night". It came this year as a great surprise when least expected. One morning about 2:00 a. m. the camp was awakened by the firing of a cannon and pistol shots. The main scramble was to get out of bed before dumped out by one of the officers. An effigy of a certain "Mr. Crab", who is usually a part of every camp, was burned on this night. A story was also told by one of the townspeople of a certain hidden treasure somewhere in our vicinity. A map was brought forth, and a search then made, successfully ending at a certain marking on the ground where the treasure was buried. After digging for some time a chest was discovered and conveyed back to the camp fire, and "lo, and behold," it was richly laden with pies, doughnuts and other "treasure" dear to a boy's heart, or rather stomach.

ATHLETICS.

Edited by WILLIAM UNMACK.

P. A. A. HAS NEW HEADQUARTERS.

The Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has opened headquarters in the rooms of the Recreation League, which both organizations will jointly use hereafter. For those not initiated into athletic mysteries it may be explained that this organization, the "P. A. A.," as it is generally known, is the local governing body of all amateur athletics. It sanctions all amateur athletic games and if persons participate in games not approved by it they lose their classification as amateurs. As the spirit of the amateur is in reality the "play-spirit," the P. A. A. and the Recreation League are not very different in their ideals and with the same headquarters closer co-operation for mutual interests will be possible. The P. A. A. will be a very important factor in the coming year as many of the athletic events to be held at the Exposition will be under its immediate jurisdiction and many more will be under the supervision of its officers. Mr. James E. Sullivan, athletic director of the Exposition, is Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, of which the P. A. A. is the local branch.

War Affects Athletics.

The European war is having its effect on sport as well as everything else. All athletic preparations in Europe for the 1916 Olympiad at Berlin are practically ended. No matter what the result of the war the next Olympiad is sure to show some traces of feeling between at least some of the nations. We hope that this prognostication may not be so. It is a well known fact that there is a feeling of unity and friendship between the athletes of the world when they meet in these Olympiads that have now become famous and it is possible that the war as far as the athletes themselves are concerned will not make much difference, but the trouble, if any, may come from thoughtless remarks from the rooters.

High Schools Want to Be Shown.

The eyes of the high schools of the entire State will be turned to the California Federation for the next few months to see just how the new idea works out. In theory the idea of a State-wide Federation of the high schools looms up as brilliant, but the Missourians are waiting to "be shown."

San Francisco schools are in the Missouri family and will not go into the Federation until its workings have been positively proven. The San Francisco Sub-league, which controls the local high school situation, is the strongest branch of the A. A. L., numerically, in the State. The Bay Counties League, taking in Oakland, Berkeley, etc., has joined the new Federation along with a number of schools well scattered throughout the State, and the big question that has to be answered is: how will the Federation be able to decide its championships satisfactorily? San Francisco has decided to wait till that question is answered.

Football Season Approaches.

The football season is practically here. By the time the next edition of Recreation comes off the presses we will be right in the midst of it. There will be no invasions by foreign teams this year, but with several clubs out, and the universities promising

high class fifteens the prospects look good for a brilliant season.

The annual game between California and Stanford will of course be the usual big feature and this year it will be played at the University of California field. The football enthusiasts who go to Berkeley this year will not recognize the field. It now has a splendid coat of green grass and the big game will be played at Berkeley on turf for the first time in the history. The big game is scheduled for November 14.

Tennis Stars "Made in California."

The term "land of sunshine" which is applied to our Golden State should really be changed to the "land of rackets and nets." Of course we want our sunshine to continue so that we can develop a few more tennis stars. Just think it over for a minute and you will find that this State for years past has produced about 50 per cent of the tennis champions of the whole country. Maurice McLoughlin, Tom Bundy, Willie Johnston, Lin Murray, Clarence Griffin, Johnnie Strachan, are all names that will be rated high after this tennis season. Then as youngsters we have Eli Fottrell, Roland Roberts, Vandyke Johns, Henry Breck and many others.

Y. M. C. A. Boys to Have Races.

The Young Men's Christian Association is responsible for a lot of healthy recreation for the boys of the city. The boys of the organization are always busy with some form of sports and games. The latest is to be a track meet under the weight and age classification. This meet will be staged at South Side playgrounds on Saturday, August 22, and will have a big field of contestants in each event.

Y. M. H. A. Promotes Meet.

This city has lacked athletic meets. By that I mean there are not enough meets promoted by the organizations belonging to the Pacific Association. We cannot expect to have high class athletes in this section unless there are meets for the men to show what they have got and also to learn by experience how to run, jump, etc.

On Sunday, August 23, at the stadium in Golden Gate Park there will be a meet which is attracting considerable attention. It is being organized by the Young Men's Hebrew Association and has been thrown open to the club athletes of the bay cities.

This is the first time the Y. M. H. A. has ever promoted a meet and if it is a success the Ellis street association promises to make it an annual affair.

Miss Regan an "Athletic Fan."

The appointment of Miss Regan to the Board of Education by Mayor Rolph to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Kincaid, is a particularly pleasant one to those interested in the physical and athletic welfare of the school children. Miss Regan can aptly be termed "a genuine athletic fan." Games, recreation and play have always appealed to Miss Regan as necessary attributes to the life of the school children and she never missed an athletic meet, basketball game or baseball game or anything else that the pupils—boys and girls—of her school were represented in while she was principal of Bernal School. It is quite natural to expect that she will take these same ideas on play with her into the Board room.

"To secure better understanding between the citizens of a neighborhood, through the use of a neutral place, and so find a place as the American public schoolhouse, is the local expression of the great idea of international federation through the increasing use and centering of power in a common place where discussion of differences shall replace prejudice and appeals to force."—Baroness Bertha von Suttner.

"The use of a nation's leisure is the test of its civilization."—Percy Mackaye.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports that during the month of July the following people kindly subscribed to the work of the Recreation League:

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STATE RECREATION COMMITTEE PREPARES REPORT.

To Ask Legislation.

BY JAMES EDWARD ROGERS.

The State Recreation Inquiry Committee, appointed by Governor Hiram Johnson to investigate the recreational facilities and needs of the State and to report to the next Legislature, has been busily at work.

The committee has held several meetings in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The work has been divided into four parts: (1) A statement of the recreational problem and need, to be written by James Edward Rogers; (2) A study of what is being done in the State by our schools, parks, playgrounds, institutions and semi-public organizations, to be written by Dr. Grace Fernald; (3) A study of rural recreation, what is being done and what is needed to be done, to be written by Mr. C. A. Stebbins; (4) A definite statement of the recreational needs of the State and recommended legislation to bring about a State organization that will combine and correlate and develop State recreation, to be written by Miss Bessie Stoddart.

This report is to be printed, and is required by law to be ready by November 1st for presentation to the State Legislature and to the Governor. It is likely that the committee will recommend that a recreation committee constituted perhaps as the present one is, of persons representing different fields of work that touch recreation, be permanently constituted by law. That the executive officer of this State Recreation Committee shall be an Executive Secretary or State Recreation Commissioner, with salary.

The volunteer work of this committee will be of great value to the State, and its efforts should be supported by such organizations as the Recreation League. The need of State organization in matters recreational is at once apparent to one who has studied the field. The State office should contain maps, plans, models, materials, publications that would be valuable to teacher, minister, layman, or parent who would be interested in establishing a playground or recreation center, whether it be in connection with a school, a church, a private society, or a neighborhood center.

To bring this about it will be necessary to present bills at the next Legislature for its approval, and to have them signed by the Governor. This will necessitate active co-operation of all commissions, educational boards and recreational leagues, such as was given in bringing about the formation of the present committee. The Recreation League was the center of the propaganda for the creation of the present committee, and gave much time and service to seeing it established.

The report is about complete, and it is hoped at the meeting in October, at Los Angeles, to recommend its final adoption and present to the State Printer for publication. The members of this committee are as follows: Dr. Herbert C. Jones, San Jose; Miss Bessie D. Stoddart, Los Angeles; Mr. James Edward Rogers, San Francisco; Mr. C. A. Stebbins, Chico; Judge Howard A. Peairs, Bakersfield; Dr. Grace Fernald, Los Angeles, and Mr. August Vollmer, Berkeley.

Superintendent E. W. Stitt

Sends Us His Social Creed

Greetings from across the continent have been received from Mr. Edward W. Stitt, the district superintendent, who has charge of the Recreation Centers, Vacation Schools and Playgrounds of the New York School Department. Mr. Stitt visited San Francisco a year ago to speak at the Pacific Coast Recreation Congress, and evidently retains his interest in affairs here.

Mr. Stitt's letter follows:

August 28, 1914.

Mr. Eustace Peixotto, Editor "Recreation."
My Dear Mr. Peixotto: I am pleased to note in the issue of the "Recreation" just received the generous plans you have made for the coming year. I am specially pleased to note that you are working to have a larger use of the schools as social centers.

I congratulate San Francisco that she has been able to secure Mr. E. B. De Groot, formerly of Chicago. Mr. DeGroot is an efficient organizer, able public speaker, and in all respects a real "live wire". I am sure he will prove to be the right man in the right place.

Enclosed please find a copy of a creed for social service which I recently wrote. Perhaps you may care to publish it in your magazine.

With all best wishes to you personally and my hope that your plans for the exposition may be most successful, I am,

Very truly yours,

EDW. W. STITT,

District Superintendent of Schools.

CITY CREED FOR SOCIAL SERVICE.

By Edward W. Stitt.

We believe:

That social betterment of the masses can be best accomplished by a wider use of our school plants.

That the conservation of our youth is as important as that of our national resources.

That low taxes are to be favored, if they do not lead to a low standard of living.

That all people who work shall have an opportunity to play.

That strength of body, allied to strength of mind, will develop good all-around Americans.

That the personality of our teaching force, and a conservation of their energies, are necessary to accomplish the greatest success in social regeneration.

That large cities should be as proud of sturdy children and strong workmen, as of beautiful parks or public buildings.

That the best monuments of which a city can boast are the upright lives of its happy and contented citizens.

That the many millions spent for warfare would be better spent for welfare.

That as the Declaration of Independence not only guarantees life and liberty, but also the pursuit of happiness, it is the sacred duty of every city to provide rest and recreation for its weary wage-earners.

NEW ERA DAWNS FOR S. F. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Less Emphasis on Stars.

By HOWARD E. HENDRICKS,

Physical Director High School of Commerce.

The predominating idea in high school athletics in San Francisco is that every boy and girl shall get plenty of good exercise, properly supervised. In accomplishing this idea, the undersized lad who usually sits on the fence and roots is given much more consideration than the husky star of the school, who is sure to get plenty of physical activity.

There are three classes of secondary schools in this city: (1) Public—six in number—High School of Commerce, Girls' High School, Lowell High School, Mission High School, Polytechnic High School, Humboldt Evening High School; (2) Endowed—four in number—California School of Mechanical Arts, Cogswell Polytechnic College, Wilmerding School of Industrial Arts, Lux School for Girls; (3) Catholic—chief of which are St. Ignatius and Sacred Heart.

The above schools, with the exception of Girls' High School and the Lux School for Girls, have, up to September 4th, 1914, formed the San Francisco Sub-League of the A. A. L., or Academic Athletic League of California. But not content with the spirit of the A. A. L., nor of the California Interscholastic Federation, into which the A. A. L. proposed to merge itself, the San Francisco schools, on September 4th, formed the San Francisco Athletic League. This action was taken chiefly because both the A. A. L. and the C. I. F. simply provided rules by which the star athletes of the various schools might contest for the state championship. This principle took into account only a very few from a very few schools. Moreover, it encouraged professionalism, and concentrating all the pent-up school spirit into one or two games, resulted in rowdiness at the game—and expensive trophies for the winners.

Of course, it is realized that there must be championship games as long as there are boys. But it is possible at the same time to get all the boys into the game and have no spectators. In this way the importance of the star athlete is lessened, that of the small boy is increased, there is no concentration of spirit on one game and no vicious results.

Two examples of how this is accomplished in San Francisco follow. In Lowell High School all first year boys are required to take the course in physical education and recreation for one term and are given credit for the work. One academic instructor devotes part of his day to this work, some of it being done after regular school hours.

In Commerce the work is not compulsory. Girls as well as boys may enroll in at least one afternoon period, five days a week. No credit is given. However, no student having two or more unsatisfactory marks in the preceding month is

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

REFORMING the world is an undertaking that has been attempted at regular intervals since the beginning of history. The sum total of all "reformations" to date does not seem to have resulted in materially altering the fundamental instincts of the human. All Europe today is battling with the primitive impulses of the cave man which have suddenly been let loose in the midst of the restraint and culture of ages. Victory is to be achieved at no matter what sacrifice. Consequences are not to be recked of so that the immediate end be gratified. This is characteristic of all primitive impulse when it runs wild. It is even characteristic of the instinct of play, an impulse as fundamental as that of aquisition. Loosed in the confines and conditions of our modern cities it seeks immediate satisfaction with reckless disregard to consequences, knowing neither legal, moral nor other restraint. Just as the instinct of aquisition or competition, seen in its most primitive form in war, is also the fundamental root of all economic progress, so the instinct of play, out of which springs art, drama, music, and all the other highest expressions of human happiness, can be debased to forms as horrible to contemplate as international strife. It is because we believe that while environment cannot change these fundamental instincts it can change their mode of expression, that we wish to see wholesome conditions provided for the city's recreation.

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SPeAKING of environment, it makes quite a difference in what environment one dances. The Dance Hall Section has been working for some time to improve the atmosphere in some of our dance halls. It seems wrong that young people who seek innocent amusement in our residence sections often find themselves in an atmosphere that is akin to a Barbary Coast resort. The Section has suggested to the Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors that the granting of licenses to dance halls by a committee of citizens who had some standards of what the proper atmosphere of a public dance hall should be might have a salutary effect. Some opposition developed to this scheme. Just what is feared is hard to say. If such a committee were to regulate things in a Puritanic fashion it would certainly be objection-

able in this community. The composition of the committee proposed by the suggested ordinance is such that such a policy would be extremely unlikely, and it is difficult to see any good objection to the scheme. Of course, we all know that some public officials, while they pretend to represent public interest, are better representatives of certain private interests in whose balance public welfare weighs light against dollars and cents. Is this a reason?

SECTION NOTES

Aquatic.

The Aquatic Day Committee of the Aquatic Section is working on plans for the celebration of Columbus Day as a water festival along the lines followed last year. In view of the fact that a railroad trestle has been run across Black Point Cove since the last celebration the endeavor will be to hold the carnival in the Yacht Harbor of the Exposition grounds in co-operation with the Panama-Pacific officials. Plans are now being made to secure this co-operation and it is expected that definite steps will soon be taken toward the celebration of the annual water carnival which this committee has made its special object.

Judge THOMAS F. GRAHAM,
Chairman.

Girls.

The new Girls' Section, composed of representatives of the settlements, schools, playgrounds and juvenile protective work of the city is to have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd.

The need of recreation for girls is too obvious to need discussion, but the best way to supply such recreation is not always easy to decide. Therefore, the first few weeks of the committee's work will be given up to studying the present situation in this city, what sort of a "good time" the average girl now finds open to her, where the greatest present need lies and what more can be done by private and particularly municipal agencies to meet this need. In the early days of higher education the scheme of study which had been built up for the teaching of young men was taken bodily and transferred to the colleges just opening their doors to young women, and it is only recently that the need of special courses for women has been recognized. In the same way recreation will have to be specially adapted to the needs and uses of girlhood, and it will be a satisfactory month's work if the section can begin to make its way toward a program that will result in recreation for the girls of the city which will be constructive in every sense of the word.

MARTHA A. CHICKERING,
Chairman.

Parks and Playgrounds.

The Parks and Playgrounds Section is going to center its main efforts in the next few months toward the conversion of part of Jefferson Square, bounded by Golden Gate avenue, Turk, Laguna and Gough streets, into a playground. The demand for more playgrounds in that section of the city has been very much increased of late on account of the dense population in that immediate vicinity. A meeting will be held September 23d, when a large representative delegation of various civic organizations will be called together to discuss the future plan of that particular section of the Recreation League.

Mr. Gallagher, of the Mission Promotion

Association, advocated the purchase of a piece of land for playground purposes next to the bath house now under construction at Nineteenth and Angelica streets. Mr. Joseph Hickey has taken up the work of the development of Lincoln Park as a Municipal Golf Links.

Following are members of the section: Mr. Joseph Hickey, of the Press Club; Mr. Frank A. Lawler, secretary of the Playground Commission; Mr. H. E. Hendricks, of the High School of Commerce; Mr. Jos. G. Gallagher, secretary of the Mission Promotion Association; Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, of the John Swett School; Miss H. F. McFarland, of the Adams School; Mrs. A. H. MacDonald, representing the Corona Club, and others.

I. BECK, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports that during the month of August the following people kindly subscribed to the work of the Recreation League:

Mrs. M. Koshland.....	\$50.00
Mr. J. S. Silverberg.....	10.00
Columbia Park Boys' Club.....	3.00
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WHO'S WHAT

Miss Pearl Cardwell, assistant secretary of the Recreation League ever since its beginning, has resigned her position to enter the sphere of matrimony. Miss Cardwell was so universally liked that her going means a distinct loss to the League, but we wish her great joy and happiness.

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Mrs. Margaret S. Hayward has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by the much lamented death of Miss Rachel Wolfsohn. Mrs. Hayward has been a member of the Playground Commission ever since it was created by Charter Amendment in 1908 and is the only member who has served continuously all of that time.

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Miss Frances Van Reynegom has replaced Miss Cardwell as assistant secretary of the League.

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Mr. I. Beck has been recently appointed chairman of the Parks and Playgrounds Section of the League. Mr. Beck has been for years interested in the development of Jefferson Square as a playground and as this is to be one of the principal works of that section for the year Mr. Beck's selection is a timely one.

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Miss M. A. Chickering, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., has accepted the chairmanship of the Girls' Section.

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Secretary James Edward Rogers, of the Recreation League, was one of the speakers at the Labor Day celebration at the Golden Gate Park Stadium under the auspices of the Labor Council. Mr. Rogers' subject was "Labor and Leisure."

LABOR COUNCIL PLEDGES SUPPORT TO THE LEAGUE

The following report of the Law and Legislative Committee was concurred in by the San Francisco Labor Council, Friday, July 24th, 1914:

"In the matter of request from the Recreation League of San Francisco that the Council and its affiliated unions take more active interest in the work of the League and give its moral and financial support to the many worthy undertakings of the League, which are all designed for the improvement of the leisure time of the common people, your committee was addressed by three representatives of the Recreation League who thoroughly explained its work, objects and present plans for creating public interest in this matter. Past work of the League is of a character to substantiate the claim that the work of the League is of great value to our people. Among past achievements, it was pointed out that the movement to use the school houses for other social and public purposes than education of children originated with this League, that it has secured substantial appropriation for the establishment of playgrounds, public amusements of a healthy character, such as the Philharmonic concerts, various aquatic and other festivals, provisions for swimming pools, and other means to substitute rational for dissipating public amusements for the masses.

"Plans for the future are of similar worthy character—eighty organizations are already affiliated. Individuals and organizations may join, the latter being entitled to three representatives. The work is done by committees or sections, who contribute time and work without pay. There are no dues, the League depending exclusively upon voluntary contributions. After thorough consideration, your committee respectfully recommends:

"1. That the Council reaffirm its indorsement of the Recreation League of San Francisco.

"2. That the Council donate five dollars (\$5.00) per month to the support of the League.

"3. That a circular letter be sent to all affiliated unions explaining the work and objects of the League and asking them to send representatives and participate actively.

"4. That the labor press of this city be urged to give publicity to the work of the League and participate in creating public interest in the various new proposals to establish recreation for the masses."

In pursuance of the foregoing, a letter has been sent by the Labor Council to all the unions affiliated with that body. This letter reads in part as follows:

"To All Affiliated Unions, Greeting:

"The San Francisco Labor Council hereby urges each of its affiliated unions to give moral and financial support to the Recreation League of San Francisco.

"As you are aware, the object of the League is to diminish tendencies of modern cravings for dissipation and substitute therefor healthy sport and clean public amusement. Among past achievements of the League we mention the establishing of social centers and athletic leagues among school children, the institution of the People's Philharmonic Concerts, the holding of numerous public festivals and aquatic celebrations, securing increased appropriations for playgrounds, and many other undertakings to provide healthy amusement for young and old.

"The work of the Recreation League

will peculiarly benefit our people, and the Labor Council, therefore, deems it well worthy of the efforts of organized labor to participate in this movement to provide for sane and healthy public recreation.

"Fraternally yours,

"By order of the San Francisco Labor Council.

"JNO. A. O'CONNELL, Secy."

New Era Dawns for San Francisco High School Athletics.

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allowed to take regular school periods for athletics.

The principle employed in the two schools is the same and is applied to all games. There is some formal work, such as setting-up exercises, but the best results come from the interest of the individual in competition.

Each enrollment room has a room delegate, who appoints under the direction of the teacher of that room, a room captain for each sport. It is desirable to have every boy in the room a captain of one team and a member of all others. This captain selects his team by a series of never-ending try-outs, in which every boy in the room takes part. Inter-room contests are held at noon-time and after school. There is little time and little desire left for inter-school competition.

However, it is quite possible for two schools to compete if it is desirable, and without any change in the grouping plan. This plan emphasizes the importance of the small boy.

In any event, say the running broad jump, each boy (in his room group) receives three trials, getting 0 for fouls and non-attendance. Then the best effort of each boy is used for figuring the room average. In addition the weight of the boy is considered, so that the 100-pound boy who jumps 14 feet has a better record than the 130-pound boy who jumps 16 feet. Finally taking each room average, the school average is figured.

By the above arrangement a field meet was held by three schools last spring, namely: Lowell High School, High School of Commerce and the Fremont High School of Oakland. Each school performed on its own grounds at the same time, the physical director vouching for the figures.

Another grouping, which is important, is that of weights. The boys are divided into 85, 100, 110, 120, 130 and unlimited groups, and compete on the same basis as above. The room grouping is better, however.

The whole system is based upon the principle of giving plenty of good exercise to every student, depending upon interest in competition rather than compulsion to secure results. Largely, too, success will be measured by the interest and energy of the director.

With the present arrangements, the approval of a school board which is far above the average, and the appointment of Mr. Edward B. de Groot as head physical director, the pupils of San Francisco schools are facing excellent prospects for good health and strong bodies; and the schools themselves will reap results in the form of better scholarship and morals.

People's Place Boys Meet.

The People's Place Boys' Club held a track meet at Jackson Playgrounds on Sunday, September 13. Over 75 boys took part under the direction of Head-worker Harry F. Tiedeman.

TO DISCUSS RECREATION TOPICS AT LUNCHEONS

The monthly luncheons at the Hotel Stewart have been somewhat changed in character. The chairmen will now make their reports the third Thursday of each month instead of on the first Thursday. The luncheons will be given over entirely to the discussion of recreational topics by experts. The executive meeting, the third Thursday of each month, will be devoted to reports by chairmen of sections and committees, and the transaction of the League's business.

The following are the lists of meetings and conferences held in the League's offices during the past two weeks:

Sept. 1—Girls' Section, 4 p. m.; Panama-Pacific Conference, 4:30 p. m.; High School Teachers (to form High School Athletic League), 5 p. m.; Committee Meeting of P. A. A., 8 p. m.; Lecture at "People's Place," by J. E. Rogers, on "Modern Tendencies in Social Service," 6 p. m.

Sept. 3—Executive Council Luncheon at Hotel Stewart. Speakers: Rev. D. O. Crowley, on "The Boy and the Playground," and Hon. Frank J. Murasky, on "The Boy and Recreation."

Sept. 4—Academic Athletic League, 4 p. m.

Sept. 10—Parks and Playgrounds Section, 4 p. m.; Columbus Day Committee, 4:30 p. m.

Sept. 11—Lincoln Park Municipal Golf Links, 5 p. m.; A. A. L., 8 p. m.

Sept. 14—Finance Committee, 11 a. m.

Sept. 16—Lincoln Park Municipal Golf Links.

Sept. 17—Executive Committee, 4 p. m.

Sept. 18—Boys' Section, 11 a. m.; S. F. A. L., 4:30 p. m.

Sept. 22—Girls' Section, 4 p. m.

Sept. 23—Parks and Playgrounds Section.

Golf Club is Formed.

The Parks and Playgrounds Section of the Recreation League, through its member, Mr. Joseph Hickey, called a meeting of all those interested in the development of Lincoln Park as a municipal golf links. The San Francisco Municipal Golf Club was formed at the offices of the Recreation League Friday, September 11, with Mr. Hickey as president, and Mr. Shaw as secretary. The object of this organization is to develop Lincoln Park, to support the Park Commission and the Superintendent of Parks, to get a clubhouse with showers and lockers, to schedule tournaments and for social intercourse.

Public School Swimming Meet.

The grammar school boys of the city will hold their annual swimming championships at the North Beach playgrounds tank Saturday, September 19. Eustace M. Peixotto, athletic director of the Public Schools Athletic League, will have charge of the meet and the boys generally are all worked up to the importance of the event and their own participation therein. Special attention has been paid to the events for the children, and no long race has been put on which would in any way interfere with the physical development of the growing boy.

"To call distasteful work play does not make it play, surely; but, on the other hand, there is often equal harm in premature distinctions made by parents and teachers, which bias the child harmfully, giving him the impression that play is pleasurable and work is not, or that work is worth while and play is not."—GEORGE ELLSWORTH JOHNSTON.

ATHLETICS.

Edited by WILLIAM UNMACK.

RECREATION LEAGUE DOING MUCH TO HELP ATHLETICS

That the Recreation League is achieving one of the fundamental principles of its foundation—the encouragement of all kinds of recreation—is evidenced by the large number of athletic and sporting organizations that are brought together through the different methods of the Recreation League. There is something in common among the various branches of sport which have at various times accepted the offer of the League as a meeting place. General recreation, whether it be running, jumping, football, baseball, golf or what not, have all been assisted in one way or another by the Recreation League. The Pacific Association of the A. A. U., the governing body of all amateur sport here, holds regular meetings in the League rooms. Then the San Francisco sub-league and the San Francisco Athletic League, both catering to the welfare of the school boys, meet in the rooms, and only last week a meeting of those interested in golf was held and the Municipal Golf Club was organized directly through the efforts of Secretary James E. Rogers of the Recreation League. It would seem that there is an immense field for the recreational work, and the various sporting bodies are only starting to realize the good work that is being accomplished by the League.

Interclass Athletics Booming.

The encouragement of interclass athletics at Lowell, Commercial and other schools has "caught on" with the boys and not only gives the pupils a certain amount of esprit de corps and pride in their respective class doings, but it also goes a long way towards giving the boys as individuals a lot of sound, healthy exercise which could not be accomplished without that class pride that the competitions are developing as a natural matter. Class competitions such as given the pupils by Koch of Lowell and Hendricks of Commercial could well be imitated in all schools, both grammar and high, and the routine at these schools would form a good base for the Board of Education to establish the same system in all city schools.

New Local Athletic Body.

The San Francisco sub-league, which has hitherto controlled the high school athletic and sports activities in this city, has given way to a new league known as the San Francisco Athletic League. Though the sub-league still continues in existence it is practically non est, and is together in name only until such time as the Academic League makes itself plain on certain matters.

The organization of the San Francisco Athletic League is acknowledged to be a step in the right direction and a step towards encouraging "home industry". In the past the local sub-league has been supplying a greater part of the finances of the Academic League and has been receiving little or no returns on the investment. Now with the new league in existence and its objects primarily to "mind our own athletic affairs", its success is assured.

On Friday, September 4th, a large meeting of representatives from the different high schools met at the rooms of the League and formed the San Francisco Athletic League, with the following officers:

President—Mr. James Edward Rogers, Lowell High School.

Vice-President—Mr. Robt. W. Dodd, Cogswell High School.

Secretary—Mr. H. E. Hendricks, High School of Commerce.

Treasurer—Mr. W. Wirt, Wilmerding.

This organization is to preserve the high standard of athletic development of the San Francisco Sub-League of the Academic Athletic League, to set new athletic standards for athletes and to develop class athletics.

IMPORTANT ATHLETIC EVENTS.

September 19—Public Schools Swimming Championships, at North Beach tank.

September 19—Pacific Association Track and Field Championships, at Berkeley.

September 20—Arrow Club Swimming Championships, at Sutro Baths.

September 27—Girls' Swimming Meet, at Sutro Baths.

October 1—California State All Round Athletic Championship, at Fresno.

October 2—California State Track and Field Championships, at Fresno.

October 11—Dual Swimming Meet, Arrow Club vs. U. S. Volunteer Life Saving Club, at Sutro Baths.

October 16—Pacific Association Swimming Championships, at Sutro Baths.

October 17, Public Schools Championship Field Sports Day, at Southside Playgrounds.

October 31—Public Schools Novice Field Sports Day, at Southside Playgrounds.

November 14—Intercollegiate Football, California vs. Stanford, at Berkeley.

U. C. Oarsmen Purchase Launch.

Oarsmen at the University of California have started their preliminary season work. A large squad of freshmen has reported for work, and Coach Stephenson will have his hands full with the babies. A new launch has been purchased for the coaches, and with added necessary attribute the Blue and Gold will not be as badly handicapped as they have been ever since rowing was a pup at Berkeley.

P. A. A. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Association of the A. A. U. will be held at Hotel St. Francis, Monday evening, Sept. 21. Officers will be elected.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON IS NOW IN FULL SWING

The football season is going in full blast right now. Both California and Stanford Universities have shown some wonderful class of Rugby up to the present, and if the outlook is reliable local footers and fans are in for the most improved Rugby season that has ever been held.

The varsity teams have shown such wonderful play in the opening games that the improvement over last year is noticeable. This is the first year since Rugby was introduced that a decided improvement over the previous year's play was noticeable in the first games of the season.

It is not only the varsity teams that are showing such great improvement, but the Olympics, Barbarians and Titans are all playing "over their heads" in comparison to any previous year.

There is, of course, the usual early season talk on Who is going to win the California-Stanford game?

The dyed-in-the-wool fans, and partisans of either California or Stanford have the whole thing doped out already in a theoretical manner. It is a hard matter to tell anything about such a situation so far in advance. All sorts of calamities are liable to happen to either side.

On paper California looks to be the under-dog this year, but the way the team is playing would indicate anything but a poor team. Then, again, Stanford is reputed to have almost a full veteran varsity team, but it is not always the veterans that are able to win games.

If college spirit is worth anything they are going right after a victory over at Berkeley. They are taking the right view of what looks like a lost cause by getting right in behind the team and lending it their moral support.

State Federation Troubles.

The California Interscholastic Federation, from all accounts, is not exactly a happy family. The Federation definition of what constitutes an amateur has come in for a whole lot of unfavorable comment of late, and public opinion on this matter has forced the Federation to at least take their definition under consideration again. As it stands on the original adoption the rule is so full of holes that a Swiss cheese is without a blemish when compared with it.



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WHAT RECREATION LEAGUE SHOULD MEAN TO S. F.

Its Great Possibilities.

By CHARLES DE Y. ELKUS.

The Recreation League is hardly in need of more ideals. If anything, it has too many—and could have more for the asking. For an ideal, if worth anything, should be expressed in action and it is rather in this latter particular that the League is restricted. What the Recreation League mostly needs is greater possibilities for expressing its ideals. Within its present possibilities it has done up to this date what might fairly be expected of it. If a definition of its purpose is to be given in order to determine what we should expect I would say that it was an organization specially taking unto itself the work of organizing and promoting recreational projects and spreading recreational propaganda. It is this work that I believe within its limitations it has fairly met. A single illustration will suffice.

In its work in connection with the establishment of social centers in the public schools it obtained the active support and co-operation of other organizations. It did considerable educative work with the public and helped to concentrate public opinion in favor of social centers. It also established in the Monroe School a social center to prove as a concrete example the validity of its claim and to convince the Board of Education and the city officials that the project was one deserving municipal assistance. This effort it carried to a successful completion. Another example was its promotion of the Philharmonic Orchestra. This project was started by it and launched on its way. It was then turned over to the New Era League to be conducted by it.

Occasionally with its other work it is obligated to enter into a fight. Its work is intended to and should be mainly positive and constructive, but naturally sometimes constructive and destructive work go hand in hand. The way must be cleared. When this is necessary the League should fight to the very end; but as indicated above, its main intent is to be a constructive not destructive force. And in this we should be somewhat opportunist. We should choose, other things being equal, the winning fight. For it is by success that we will grow, acquire power and enlarge our membership. So, in the tomorrow, the losing fight will become the winning fight, or what is better, may not need to be fought. This is hardly sticking with the text, but I believe that the text should rather be what shall San Francisco make or permit the Recreation League to mean to it. How much support will it give the Recreation League in order that its possibilities be enlarged?

The value of the spreading of recreational propaganda and promoting of recreational projects to a city is very apparent. Clean enjoyment makes for greater efficiency both on the part of the laborer and the employer, while vicious or ill-spent leisure clearly makes for inefficiency. So the commercial value of its

work is readily seen. Furthermore, clean, healthy and active recreation makes appreciably for happiness and efficiency; and happiness and efficiency are what we most desire. Any one who knows of the work of the Recreation League also knows that it has been an active and effective agent in bettering recreational conditions in this city and also to some extent in the State, but it has not accomplished what it should owing to the fact that it has not had from the community the full financial and co-operative support to which it is entitled. It should have such support as would relieve it from financial troubles. It should have the active backing of the community in its projects. It should be in such a position financially as would permit it to have a permanent secretary doing no other work than that of advancing the League's projects.

I believe if we made the community understand what the Recreation League stands for; what it is trying to do; and

PROPOSED ORDINANCE MEANS WIDE-OPEN TOWN.

Liquor License a Disguise.

By JOSEPH R. HICKEY.

Cloaked in the guise of imposing a license on the retail liquor trade and restricting the issuance of permits, a vicious petition has been circulated among a selected list of voters in the city and county of San Francisco proposing an ordinance for adoption at the November election, which if approved will practically restore the Barbary Coast conditions and extend its contaminating influences to other sections of the city.

So quietly has this attempt to make San Francisco a "wide-open town" been launched that knowledge of the movement has been confined almost entirely to the scope of those behind its inception. The following ordinance is a base misrepresentation of the facts as herewith shown.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS SWIMMING MEET AT NORTH BEACH BATH HOUSE.

(Photo by C. F. Norton.)

that we are enthusiastic and united, we would get necessary support. To talk these matters over among ourselves is of very little use because it is all so well known to us. What is necessary is for every one of us to make it our personal affair to see that those who either are ignorant of our work or are misinformed, should not only be set right as to the work and worth of the League, but should be converted into active and enthusiastic members and workers.

There is an application for membership in this number of "Recreation." Fill it out and send it in while you think of it.

Small Entry for Dipsea.

The annual Dipsea race run on Sunday, October 11, proved the usual attractive affair of past years even though the entry list was not as large as it might have been.

The ordinance:

Imposing a license upon the business of selling malt or spirituous liquors or wines, in less quantity than one quart, or to be consumed on the premises, and providing for the issuance of permits and licenses therefor.

It is on the ballot under a false title. It is the work of only those liquor dealers who are interested in the tenderloin trade, and its purpose is not that of "imposing a license upon the business of selling spirituous, malt or fermented liquors." Its real purpose is to reopen the Barbary Coast and turn San Francisco into a "wide open town."

The proposed ordinance makes no change in the license. Section 1 fixes the rate at \$500.00 per year, which is exactly the same figure as has prevailed for the last eight years.

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

THE Recreation League is at present engaged in a systematic campaign to increase its membership. No organization of its kind has had an easier time gathering strength and financial support than the Recreation League. People have seen the value of the League's work and have given their time and money almost without solicitation up to the present. The League's expenses are small compared with the scope covered and the work accomplished. Office rent, stenographer's services, stationery and other incidentals amount to a little over \$3,000 a year. The League has not quite this sum fully guaranteed by annual membership subscriptions and does not want to resort to other methods of raising money, such as benefit entertainments, if that can be avoided. The members of the Executive Committee believe that there are enough people really interested in the work and ideals of the Recreation League to desire membership in the organization. They believe that people who contribute money as well as giving moral support will take a deeper interest in the work. For this reason the minimum membership fee has been set at a low figure, although a person may contribute as much as he likes. The League is therefore making this appeal to those in sympathy with the work to become financially interested as well, if only for a small amount. Besides membership entitles you to receive this paper regularly. That alone is worth the money!

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THE insidious way that the so-called "tenderloin" interests have of endeavoring to fool the public are perhaps almost more disgusting to the man or woman who stands for decency—if that be possible—than the conditions for which they stand. If the majority of the citizens of San Francisco want to reopen the Barbary Coast they are entitled to have it reopened and those who are in favor of an "open town" are entitled to have the matter put to a vote just as much as the advocates of Prohibition are entitled to have their issue passed upon.

Any fair minded person, however, resents the attempt to foist upon an unsuspecting public a wolf in sheep's clothing in the shape of an ordinance masquerading under a title which in no way describes its effect or purpose. A description of the proposed new "licensing" law

will be found elsewhere. It is perhaps particularly unfortunate for legitimate business investments that such attempts as this proposed ordinance are being put forth at this time, for they are apt to make even people of moderate views on the subject get wrathful and vote prohibition to put an end to the whole business.

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DURING the three weeks prior to the celebration, the offices of the Recreation League have been used as headquarters by the Columbus Day Committee appointed by Mayor Rolph. This is in line with the League's policy of helping to further recreation for all the people. The League's offices have become the headquarters and meeting place of many organizations dealing with various phases of the amusement life of the city, athletic, dramatic and the like. The providing of such a headquarters is perhaps one of the most important and most useful functions of the League.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD

MAKE CITY WIDE OPEN TOWN

(Continued from Page 1.)

It forbids the Police Commission (Section 3) to refuse a liquor license to any person, without regard to his qualifications, whose application is signed by twelve property owners in the block, no matter how small their holdings may be. A twenty-five foot lot divided among twelve would be sufficient.

It strikes from the existing law the provision that the Police Commission shall refuse a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony, and requires the Commission to issue him a license on the same terms as to a citizen of good character.

It will forbid the Police Commission to limit the number of saloons in San Francisco, as it is doing at the present time.

It fortifies the dive, the red-light house, the home of the drunken dances, for it forbids the Police Commission to refuse or revoke a license for conducting business "in the same manner in which said business had been conducted at the time of the issuance of the original permit."

It is a law proposed by the Barbary Coast to put the ex-convict, the dive-keeper, the panderer and the gambler in control of the city.

It will take away from the Police Commission the power given by the Charter to control the conduct of saloons and enforce order and decency.

It will give the lie to the assurance we have sent out, that San Francisco has suppressed crime and indelicacy and will frighten away great numbers of decent people who are coming to the Exposition.

Everyone knows how the business was conducted a few years ago, when the name of San Francisco was advertised from one end of the country to the other for the depravities of its tenderloin and the Barbary Coast, and was avoided by the tourist, and even by the merchant, as unclean. That is the standard which is now planned to establish by law.

The Recreation League stands for plenty of clean, wholesome pleasure in San Francisco. Everything in the proposed ordinance tends to promote the lowest and most depraved forms of recreation. The league is therefore on record against it.

VOTE "NO" ON THE LIQUOR ORDINANCE PROPOSITION.

SECTION NOTES

Aquatic.

The Aquatic Section has not given up hope of the preservation of Black Point Cove as a people's recreation beach and is working zealously to accomplish that end.

At the present time it seems impossible to purchase the Cove through bonds or an appropriation by the Supervisors. The only possible chance seems to be the exchange of lands between the Southern Pacific and the city.

The Southern Pacific owns a stretch of land on the water frontage of the Cove which it might deed to the city in exchange for lands owned by the city near the Third and Townsend streets terminal which the railroad is desirous of obtaining. The section is attempting to arrange a conference between the Lands and Tunnels Committee of the Board of Supervisors, the officials of the Southern Pacific and members of the League for a transfer satisfactory both to the city and to the company.

JAMES E. ROGERS, Secretary.

Girls.

There will be a meeting of the Girls' Section of the Recreation League Tuesday, October 20th, at 4 p. m., in the rooms of the League to receive report of the Committee on Co-operation with the agencies working for girls during the exposition and to discuss the formation of a girls' swimming association.

MISS M. A. CHICKERING, Chairman.

Parks and Playgrounds.

The Parks and Playgrounds Section has been gathering together representatives of the various schools and improvement clubs in the district around Jefferson Square with a view of appearing before the Park Commission with a delegation thoroughly representative of the neighborhood. So far everyone approached to advocate the conversion of one-half of it into a playground has been enthusiastically in favor of the project.

I. BECK, Chairman.

WHO'S WHAT

Mrs. Helen Hecht has been chosen to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by the resignation of Mrs. Katherine Hooker on account of absence from the city. Mrs. Hecht has been identified with social work of various kinds for many years.

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Angelo J. Rossi, recently appointed by Mayor Rolph to the Playground Commission, was Chairman of the Columbus Day Committee this year and proved a most active leader in making the celebration a success.

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Nicholas J. Prendergast of the League's Executive Committee and Mrs. George Wale of the Laguna Honda School Mothers' Club have been making an educational campaign for social centers in the Sunset district. Their idea is to secure neighborhood co-operation in establishing a center in the near future.

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Supervisor J. Emmet Hayden has recently joined the Recreation League as a contributing member. Supervisor Hayden is a frequent visitor at the city's playgrounds and is much interested in recreation work.

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President Jesse W. Lillenthal of the Recreation League has been selected as Chairman of the Playground and Recreation Committee of the athletic department of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. This committee will have charge of a week's program devoted to demonstrations of playground and recreation work.

CONFERENCE OF WORKERS WITH BOYS IS PLANNED.

A conference of all men in San Francisco who are engaged in social or recreation work with boys, no matter of what kind or under what auspices, will be called by the Boys' Section of the League some time during November.

The ideas back of holding this conference are as follows:

First. There is some excellent work being done in the field of boys' recreation in San Francisco by a number of organizations. We wish to consider means by which work of this character can be made to reach larger numbers of boys.

Second. The men engaged in boys' work in many cases hardly know each other personally and know little except by hearsay of what other boys' organizations than their own are doing. A part of the program of the conference will be to arrange visits to as many of the institutions dealing with boys as possible, playgrounds, clubs, orphanages, etc. The hope is in this way to broaden the outlook of all concerned.

Third. There should be as much co-operation as possible between boy workers. While there may be some differences of opinion as to methods, the ends sought are much the same in all institutions. Perhaps when these matters are discussed less difference than is supposed will be found and the conference will be the means of the getting together of recreation interests for which the League stands.

At the next meeting of the Section definite dates and the program will be decided upon. It is the present plan to make the latter consist of talks, discussions and visits to the different boys' institutions making the latter a particularly prominent feature.

"In playing these (team) games the boy is not going through the forms of citizenship—learning parliamentary law, raising points of order, and moving the previous question—he is being initiated into its essence, actually and in a very vivid way participating in the thing itself. He is experiencing citizenship, not learning about it; undergoing the actual and habitual experience of losing the senses of his own individuality in that of a larger whole."

DR. LUTHER HALSEY GULICK.

BISHOP HANNA WILL BE SPEAKER AT RECREATION LEAGUE MEETING

The Recreation League is arranging a public meeting on November 6 to promote the progress of the Social Center work in San Francisco. Bishop Hanna will be the principal speaker of the occasion. Bishop Hanna was a resident of Rochester, the cradle of one type of social center and can therefore speak from a fund of experience.

It is expected that before this meeting Mr. E. B. DeGroot, who is coming to take charge of the recreation work of the Board of Education, will be here and will also speak and the program committee will invite members of the Board of Education and Playgrounds Commission to round out the evening's discussion with a few words.

This meeting promises to be one of the most interesting that has been held on a recreational topic for some time.

Do you believe in promoting the idea of wholesome recreation among the whole people, men, women and children? Are you a member of the organization that is dedicated to that idea? If not, you ought to be.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports that during the month of September the following people kindly subscribed to the work of the Recreation League:

Mrs. Blanca W. Paulsen.....	\$ 5.00
Mr. Wm. P. Lawlor.....	3.00
Mr. Wm. Denman.....	10.00
Mrs. I. Lowenberg	5.00
Mrs. Katharine Hooker.....	5.00
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Mr. Adolf Koshland	10.00
Mr. L. M. King.....	5.00
Mr. Walter MacArthur	10.00

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COLUMBUS DAY TRIUMPH FOR CO-OPERATION SPIRIT.

BY EUSTACE M. PEIXOTTO.

On June 14, 1912, San Francisco's first Aquatic Day was held in Black Point Cove under the auspices of the Recreation League. The primary object of the affair at that time was to bring to the attention of the public the possibilities of the Cove in order that it might be preserved for an Aquatic Park. The celebration itself was such a great success, however, that the committee in charge decided to make it an annual event.

When the matter came up for discussion in 1913, however, the committee deemed it wisest to endeavor to act in conjunction with some other celebration and Columbus Day was hit upon as the most natural one for a water carnival. Accordingly, upon due representations being made, the Mayor in appointing a Citizens' Committee to celebrate Columbus Day in 1913 named as members those who had helped to make the Aquatic Day of the previous year a success.

When the plan was broached this year to celebrate Columbus Day at the Exposition Grounds the old guard was again rallied and with the addition of some new and virile blood, particularly in the person of Chairman Angelo Rossi, another great celebration took place on Sunday, October 11. Many organizations co-operated to make this day the great success that it proved. The United States Government sent a submarine, the H-3, commanded by Lieutenant W. R. Monroe, the naval tug Vigilant and six cutters from the Yerba Buena naval training station commanded by Lieutenant Commander Berthold, cutters from the Maryland and San Diego, and the naval reserve turned out in full force on their training ship Marblehead. The city helped in many ways, the police and fire departments, the Board of Public Works, the Park Commission, the school department, all assisting in some way. The three boat clubs, the Dolphin, South End and Ariel, outdid themselves in decorating boats for the parade. The crab fishermen, headed by their president, S. Sancimino, made a showing such as has never before been seen, and Emanuel Maggio, president of the Fishermen's Benevolent Association, impersonated Columbus with a crew selected from his organization. The Knights of Columbus, with their float, the Olympic Club, with float and swimmers, the Redmen with their gorgeous costumes, Mazzini Circle of Foresters, the Meriodionale Society, the Garibaldi Guards, the Columbia Park Boys, the California Life Saving and Swimming Club, the Corinthian and San Francisco Yacht Clubs, and other organizations too numerous to even mention here, contributed so much to the success of the day that a paragraph might be written about each.

All in all, the celebration was a striking example of what can be achieved by the co-operation for which the Recreation League stands, and the League may be proud that it took the first step that has developed a water carnival of such magnificent proportions.

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ATHLETICS.

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

DAY AT FRESNO GREAT SUCCESS

The success of the State track and field championships at Fresno surpassed all expectations. Records were broken and good times made in all events. Of course the big triumph of the meet was George Parker's victory over Howard Drew in the 220-yard dash.

Conceded to be the peer of all amateur sprinters, Drew found his master in George Parker, and incidentally it is possible that Parker will be given a new world's record of 21 1-10 seconds for the 220-yard dash. The time of 21 1-5 was announced to the public at the meet, but the watches showed a fast tenth, and applications are now before the National Records Committee in New York for acceptance of the split time.

Dick Hoenisch of the Caledonian Club is another athlete who showed something of that caliber which makes for first-class athletes. Granting that the track at Fresno is fast, Hoenisch beat several men in the quarter in his 49 3-5 seconds who were conceded to be fast 50-second men. This is the first time Hoenisch has ever broken the 50 mark, but he has always been considered equal to it if he got conditions right. They were right at Fresno.

Indoor Meets Planned.

The outdoor track and field season is now a thing of the past for 1914. The next thing will be the indoor season and the first meet will probably be staged by the Caledonian Club next month. If the Clansmen are not able to get their meet ready in time for next month they are sure of pulling off a good meet early in 1915. The Olympic Club will also stage an indoor meet probably early in February.

That proper encouragement of San Francisco school athletics for the city boys is best evidenced by the fact that all the high schools of the city are now in line in the new league and the large private and Catholic schools are anxious to get in as members. There is no reason why they should not be admitted if they are all willing to comply strictly with the rules of the new league as to scholastic attainments, etc.

Doings in the Tennis World.

The tennis world in San Francisco never had such a galaxy of national and international stars as are to be found here at present. Maurice McLaughlin, of course, heads the list, but then there are Lindley Murray, Clarence Griffin, Willie Johnston, Eliah Fottrell, Carl Gardner, Johnnie Strachan. Every one of these men are big links in the chain of American tennis success of today, and they are all loyal Californians living round the bay.

All hail to the new bay counties ladies' single tennis champion—Miss Baker. The defeat of Anita Meyers was somewhat unexpected, but it only goes to show that the girls of this city are attaining that height and prominence of their game that we have got beyond the days when one player was able to hold the fort alone against all opposition for several years.

Hawaiians Want Local Mermaid.

The Hawaiian Girls' swimming club is very anxious to have one of the local girl champions make the trip to Honolulu for the Mid-Pacific carnival to be staged at

Honolulu February next year. So anxious are the Islanders to have a girl come down to race Ruth Stacker that they have sent Miss Deas here to interview the local girl talent and try and arrange for the best girl swimmer to make the trip. The island girls are willing to pay the expenses of the local girl so that it looks as though some one is going to have a nice trip, but whoever goes will have to swim like a fish to beat Ruth Stacker. Margaret Brack is the local girl the Hawaiians would like to have make the trip.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS.

September 1—Girls' Section, 4 p. m.; Panama-Pacific Conference, 4:30 p. m.; high school teachers, to form High School Athletic League, 5 p. m.; committee meeting, P. A. A., 8 p. m.; lecture at "People's Place," "Modern Tendencies in Social Service," James Edward Rogers, 6 p. m.

September 3—Executive Council luncheon, 12:30 p. m.

September 4—Meeting of San Francisco Academic Athletic League.

September 10—Parks and Playground Section, 4 p. m.; Lincoln Park Golf Club, 5 p. m.; Columbus Day Committee, 4:30 p. m.; A. A. L., 8 p. m.

September 14—Finance Committee, 11 a. m.

September 16—Lincoln Park Golf Club, 8 p. m.; Columbus Day Committee.

September 17—Executive Committee, 4 p. m.

September 18—Boys' Section, 11 a. m.; S. F. A. L., 4:30 p. m.

September 22—Girls' Section, 4 p. m.

September 23—Lincoln Park Golf Club, 8 p. m.; Parks and Playgrounds Section, 4 p. m.; lecture at St. Peter's, Oakland. Lecturer, Mr. James Edward Rogers.

September 25—Boys' Section, 11 a. m.

September 28—Chairmen of Columbus Day Committee, 5 p. m.

September 29—Special meeting Executive Council, 4 p. m.

October Program.

October 1—Executive Council luncheon, Hotel Stewart, 12:30 p. m. Speaker, Mr. Chas. de Y. Elkus.

October 5—Chairmen Columbus Day Committee, 5 p. m.; Golf Club, 8 p. m.

October 6—Girls' Section, 4 p. m.

October 8—Chairmen Columbus Day Committee, 4 p. m.

October 15—Executive Council, 4 p. m.

October 20—Girls' Section.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOLD SECOND ANNUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Irving M. Scott School won the second annual championship swimming meet of the grammar schools held at the North Beach Playground Bathhouse, Saturday, September 19, with a score of 13 points, Laguna Honda School finishing second with 9 points. Over a hundred boys took part in the meet, which was run off rapidly and which developed some keen competition. Fast times were made in many of the races.

Jorgenson of James Lick School easily outdistanced all competitors in the unlimited class and swam his 80 yards in 54 3-5 seconds.

Following is the score:

Irving M. Scott.....	13
Laguna Honda	9
Bay View	8
Hamilton	6
James Lick	6
Roosevelt	6
Horace Mann	5
Mission	5
John Swett	1

First Meet of New League.

The athletes of the San Francisco high schools will come together in the Fall Track and Field Meet Saturday, October 17. The Golden Gate Park Stadium is to be the field on which the boys will pit their skill, speed and endurance against each other.

The formation of the San Francisco Athletic League has been a step in the right direction. Its conservation of the athletic resources of the city schools and the conservation of its financial resources will in a little time prove the wisdom of the move.

P. A. A. Swimming Championships.

The swimming championships of the Pacific Association to be staged at the Olympic Club tank October 16 promise to produce some of the best swimming ever seen in a local championship. The big fight for the team prize will probably be between the Olympic Club and the University of California. Ludy Langer has got a team of swimmers together at the university that will take a lot of beating. The team is one of individual stars and the Olympic Club men will have to overcome this stellar lead to win the meet.



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BISHOP HANNA SPEAKS AT GREAT MASS-MEETING

Many Public Officials Present.

The mass meeting held by the Recreation League on November 6th on the general subject of "Public Recreation and Social Centers" brought together some 200 interested people in the Rose Room of the Hotel St. Francis.

In opening the meeting President Lilienthal said that it might at first blush seem amiss to be discussing such topics as recreation during these troublous times when half the world was engaged in killing, and yet, that even in these times we must have recreation to cheer us. He called attention to the etymological meaning of "recreation," "re-creation" or "re-birth," and expressed the belief that only through healthful conditions of play could we have a re-birth of those who found their way to the juvenile court. Recreation was therefore a problem serious enough to be dealt with, even in these serious times.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hanna, principal speaker of the evening, expressed his hearty sympathy with the objects of the Recreation League. He said he was always ready to help any movement that had as its object the uplifting of the children. He heartily approved the idea that school houses be open to the people of neighborhoods where home life and pleasures were lacking for a "little music, a little song, a little dance, a little exercise." He then told how in a city where he formerly lived, but which he did not name, the social centers had become, as he expressed it, "a rough and tumble fight" because they were allowed to be used as open forums and had been the scene of anti-religious and anti-social utterances. He did not believe that such was a proper use for a public building and warned the Board of Education that if they allowed such latitude they would have a hornet's nest about them. In closing, he again reiterated his belief in the use of the schools for recreational purposes, properly supervised.

President George E. Gallagher, the next speaker, said that the Board was approaching the subject of opening the school houses as social centers with the greatest caution. That in order to be sure they were right they had searched the country for the best man they could find to direct this work and believed they had him in Mr. E. B. DeGroot of Chicago. He regretted that Mr. DeGroot's coming had been delayed but that he was engaged in rewriting the recreation laws of the City of Chicago and could not leave until this work was completed.

Miss Sarah J. Jones of the Board of Education explained that hitherto the Board had felt that it was its primary duty to conserve its funds for the children for whom the public thought the money was appropriated, but that as soon as the Supervisors had made a special appropriation for the wider use of the schools the Board gladly undertook the responsibility for its expenditure.

Miss Agnes Regan of the Board told of some of her experiences as a principal

Famous Club Extends

Invitation to League

Major Sidney S. Peixotto has invited the Recreation League to visit the Columbia Park Boys' Club, 458 Guerrero street, where the boys will illustrate their recreational and social center activities as outlined below. The Recreation League has accepted the invitation and chosen the evening of Friday, November 27, and urges a large attendance to view the work of this famous club, which will be shown as follows:

8 to 9 p. m.—Inspection of Club House, "the most beautiful Boys' Club House anywhere." Classes will be at work showing the handicraft and art work, and time will be allowed to see the club museums, numerous photographs and the libraries. During this hour the band of 55 pieces will play in the courtyard.

9 p. m.—Display of physical training in the Gymnasium by 30 boys.

9:25 p. m.—Songs by the Club chorus, 30 members.

9:35 p. m.—Songs by the Club's soloists.

9:45 p. m.—Six folk dances by 30 boys.

9:55 p. m.—Military drill, Company A, 40 boys, in the Courtyard.

10:05 p. m.—Drum and Bugle Corps, 25 boys, in the Courtyard.

10:15 p. m.—Impromptu original dramatic sketches by boy members, with moving pictures of the world's tour between the plays.

dealing with children that had made her realize how little pleasure there was in some otherwise good homes and the consequent need of public provision for recreation. She said there was one type of social center work that many could do and that was to invite children who had unfortunate home conditions into their own homes that they might see what a real home was like and thus gain in their ideals in this direction. She appealed to those present to help in the movement in this and other ways.

Mayor Rolph was the next speaker and after commending the social center idea and expressing the opinion that in future the Supervisors would be as liberal as they could toward public recreation, he called attention to some of the evil conditions arising out of recent street carnivals which, under the guise of recreation, were in fact "skin games," and said he intended to see that these were stopped. His announcement was greeted with much applause.

Mr. George C. Turner, chairman of the Social Center Section of the Recreation League, said that as superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society he had long realized that he and the Juvenile Court were working at the wrong end of the problem. They were gathering up the wrecks, not preventing the wreckage, which could only be done through giving children proper facilities for play and pleasure. He told of the Recreation League's work in establishing the Monroe School Center as an experiment two years ago and of the great success that it had proved to be and how it had paved the way for the securing of municipal appropriations. He promised the aid of the section to the city officials in an advisory capacity in helping them to establish other centers in the city.

LINCOLN PARK GOLF CLUB PROMOTES PUBLIC PLAYING

Improves Conditions on Links.

BY JOSEPH R. HICKEY.

President Lincoln Park Golf Club.

In this day of turmoil and commercial strife many diversions are offered for the tired mind which, with the popular tendency for the outdoors, has developed most every phase of public recreation. San Francisco's greatest asset has been its public parks, Golden Gate Park and others; its public playgrounds and its general natural surroundings. Considerable has been done for all classes of people from the aspiring athlete to the adult seeking the mildest form of competitive exercise. This latter feature has been made more pronounced in the recent completion of the first public golf course to be constructed in a Pacific Coast municipality.

To popularize interest in public golf playing and to co-operate with the Park Commission in the upkeep and supervision of the golf course, the many citizens who have been enjoying the Lincoln Park facilities recently organized their interests under the auspices of a club known as the Lincoln Park Golf Club of San Francisco.

Golf, heretofore played little outside of the exclusive clubs of more fashionable membership, is fast becoming a national pastime; so rapidly indeed that the demand for an additional playing place in this city is most urgent. At least the extension of the present nine hole course has been advocated so that the playing may continue over a regulation eighteen hole course.

Lincoln Park, the site of San Francisco's public golf course, occupies one of the most attractive locations on the peninsula. Commanding a view from the heights west of the Presidio, the golf enthusiast is ever combating the fascination of Marin's shores, Mt. Tamalpais, the Golden Gate and the ocean beyond Point Bonita and the Cliff House. From a scenic point of view the Lincoln Park golf course is unequalled.

The newly organized Lincoln Park Golf Club has a membership at the present time of close to two hundred, not all of those who play over the course, but a large percentage. Playing on the course is in no manner affected by a membership in the club except as a better condition for playing purposes, a clearer knowledge of golf rules and other such benefits as come from organization.

By popular subscription from the list of those who find daily enjoyment over the Lincoln Park area a fund has been subscribed to cover the expense of a temporary club house where the members of the club maintain locker space and have the accommodations of showers and other conveniences. The Board of Park Commissioners has indicated every encouragement to the officers of the Lincoln Park Club and until such time as the funds of the Park Commission permit the construction of a more elaborate

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

PROPOSITION No. 49 which, as someone expressed it, would have "re-opened the Barbary Coast and put a saloon at every corner in the city and three in every block," has been defeated by a vote of 2 to 1, and the Recreation League is proud that it took a prominent part in the fight against this insidious and iniquitous measure.

The defeat of the proposed ordinance at the same election in which a drastic prohibition law lost by a 3 to 1 vote may well furnish food for thought to some of our public officials who would study the temper of the people they serve. It proves clearly that San Francisco neither wants "Blue Laws" nor does it want a "wide open town." It demonstrates the great truth lost sight of by men of so-called "liberal" views, that not everyone who opposes "wide openness" is to be immediately classed as a "long hair" or a "church person" by which epithets such "liberals" mean to imply that one favors a Puritan Sunday every day of the week.

As a matter of fact most people in San Francisco are neither "liberals" nor "long hairs." They like to have a good time and want the opportunities for themselves and their children to enjoy life. They want lots of wholesome, hearty recreation and will support any institution, public or commercial, that offers it. They resent it, however, when persons try to make capital out of this pleasure love and, for purposes of large profits, offer debauchery under the guise of recreation. That is the objection to the Barbary Coast. That is why the Recreation League took a stand against that quarter as it was conducted, and that is why the League took a stand against "No. 49." It is glad to see that its attitude, which it considers a sane and not an extreme one, seems to be that of the majority of people in this city.

THERE are some advantages in being a bit behind the times. You can learn from the other fellow's mistakes. San Francisco has been somewhat in arrear of other cities in the matter of opening the school houses to varied uses in the evenings. Now that the time has come to do so we have the opportunity to look about us and see which type of wider use we care to favor most, and there are many types to choose from. Bishop Hanna the other evening told us

some of the troubles of one type where the "civic" side became too prominent. Edward J. Ward's idea of the school house as the local capital and forum of a democracy is a beautiful one, but judging from the Bishop's remarks it was anything but ideal in practice.

In New York the movement started from the other extreme. The community was not consulted. The Recreation centers were run much as the schools were run, those in charge being called "principals" and "teachers," but even here the change has come, and in recent years neighborhood committees have been established in more favored districts to make the centers take on more of a social aspect.

Chicago, in its great Park Recreation Centers, has perhaps solved this problem most successfully, developing neighborhood spirit and initiative and at the same time not allowing it to develop into a "rough and tumble fight." It is good to know that we are going to have the man who was primarily responsible for this development in Chicago and it is for this reason that those of us who know Mr. De Groot and his work are glad that it is he and not someone else that is coming to head the department in this city.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports the following contributions to the work of the League during the month of October:

S. F. Congress of Mothers.....	\$ 2.00
Mr. Rick E. Queen.....	5.00
Occidental Kindergarten Assn....	5.00
Federation of Federal Civil Service Employees	1.00
Milton Danziger	1.00
German Savings and Loan Society.	50.00
Mr. George Tourny.....	25.00
Mr. Wm. Haas.....	25.00
St. Stephen's Mothers' Club.....	1.00
Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Assn.	5.00
Mrs. Leon Sloss	10.00
Mrs. Sophie Lillenthal.....	5.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Schlesinger....	5.00
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Mr. M. H. Robbins, Jr.....	5.00
Y. W. C. A.....	5.00
Mr. J. S. Tobin.....	25.00

OCTOBER MEETINGS.

October 1—Executive council luncheon, Hotel Stewart, 12:30 p. m.

October 5—Chairmen Columbus Day Committee, 5 p. m.; Golf Club, 8 p. m.

October 9—Drama League, 4 p. m.

October 12—Golf Club, 8 p. m.

October 13—S. F. A. L., 4:30 p. m.

October 14—Ways and Means Committee, 4 p. m.; Membership Committee, 4:30 p. m.; lecture at St. Marks, Berkeley, James E. Rogers, 8 p. m.

October 15—Executive Committee, 4 p. m.

October 19—Golf Club, board of governors, 7:30 p. m.; Golf Club, 8 p. m.

October 20—Girls' Section, 4 p. m.

October 22—Boys' Section, at Press Club, 12:15 p. m.

October 23—Columbus Day Committee, 4 p. m.

October 26—Membership and Ways and Means Committees, 4 p. m.

October 30—Girls' Section, 10:30 a. m.; Committee for Relief of Belgians, Miss King, 11:15 a. m.

Joseph R. Hickey has recently been appointed Superintendent of Playgrounds by the local Playground Commission. Mr. Hickey has been a member of the League's Executive Committee for some time.

BOY SCOUTS PROVE WORTH OF TRAINING IN EUROPE

By WILLIAM S. WOLLNER,

Special Commissioner, Boy Scouts of America.

It has taken the European war to show us that organized recreation has a great practical value in the protection as well as the upbuilding of the nation. That recreation has made for a nation of better people, people better fitted to perform the daily work of life, has never been doubted, but that organized recreation as such could prove a military asset during time of war has just developed. The Boy Scout movement as sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and the scout organizations of Europe has been essentially a recreational movement, providing a program for incorporating with the recreational needs of boys a code of morals suited to the building of bigger and better manhood. The opportunity for teaching patriotism has not been overlooked, but the patriotism that has been taught has been a patriotism of peace and not of war.

General Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of Great Britain, himself a noted warrior, said six years ago, "Give me the price of a single dreadnought and I will make international war impossible." With but small funds available a great, world-wide brotherhood of boys has been established during these past six years and it is safe to assume that if peace could have been maintained in Europe until the boys who are receiving the scout training have grown into manhood the presence of large groups of peace loving citizens in all the nations would have tended to make war impossible.

The motto of the boy scout is "Be Prepared" and he has proven himself prepared for war just as he many times has proven himself prepared to cope with the unusual incidents of civil life. The day before the inauguration of President Wilson he proved his readiness to take up the duties that others were unable or unwilling to perform and his services in protecting the women marchers in the suffrage parade is the best proof that can be offered that the boys have learned to protect those who are in need of protection and to show the weaker sex the respect to which they are entitled.

Reports from Europe state that Boy Scouts are being used in the battle lines of all the nations, but it is a fact that they are so used by the Germans only, and even then their duties are those of messengers, Red Cross aids and signal men. The other nations too well realize the value of the boys in maintaining the everyday needs of civil life at home to send them to the front and they have turned over to them the responsibility for the policing and sanitation of their cities and the country generally. In England and France the boys are being used for the patrolling of the railroads and other public works as a protection against destruction by spies and they are being used as messengers by all governmental departments.

In view of the services being rendered by Boy Scouts at home and abroad, in peace and in war, it seems as if we were overlooking an opportunity that is now within our reach to build up a recreational movement with a practical value. A recreational movement that is of the greatest value at the time it is most needed is certainly worthy of investigation and assistance and with this in mind the Boy Scouts of America will gladly co-operate with any interested person or organization in furthering the work it is now doing.

--: SECTION NOTES --:

Boys.

Plans for the conference of men and women interested in boys work in San Francisco, to be held at the St. Francis on December 3d, 4th and 5th, under the auspices of the Boys' Section of the Recreation League, are rapidly nearing completion. Assurances of the heartiest co-operation in making the affair a success have been received from practically every large institution dealing with boys in the city.

The program committee, of which Harry N. Tiedemann is chairman, has decided to take up a few general topics and have them discussed rather than try to bring many and varied ones to the attention of the boys' workers. The programmed speeches will be limited to a half hour, leaving plenty of time for discussion. There will be but two "talking sessions," however, the intention being to devote most of the time to visits to the various institutions dealing with boys in the city in order that the men engaged in the work may become better acquainted with each other and each others' labors and methods.

The tentative program as now outlined is as follows:

FIRST SESSION.

Hotel St. Francis, Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 p. m.

1. Call to order and organization of the conference.
2. "Music for Boys," speaker, Harvey Loy, Associate, American Guild of Organists.
3. "Boys' Athletics," speaker Fred W. Koch, Athletic Director, Lowell High School.

SECOND SESSION.

Hotel St. Francis, Friday, Dec. 4, 9 p. m.

1. "Boys' Dramatics," speaker Sidney S. Pelxotto, President, Columbia Park Boys' Club.
2. "Boys' Camps," speaker Raymond O. Hansen, Boys' Work Director, Y. M. C. A.; discussion led by George C. Turner, Superintendent Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, Dec. 4, 1:30 p. m.

Visits to institutions. Details to be announced later.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30 p. m.

Visits to institutions continued. At each there will be a brief exposition and discussion of the work.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 7 p. m.

Dinner and final meeting. Place and speakers to be announced later.

A full printed program will be issued some time before the conference and will be sent to all members of the Recreation League.

EUSTACE M. PEIXOTTO, Chairman.

Girls.

The Girls' Section has been busy getting started and finding out what it thought about itself and its work. One of the first things to be done was to ascertain what recreation is now open to the girls of San Francisco which is not commercialized. The result of this investigation was to confirm us in our belief that such amusements are exceedingly rare.

The next thing to which the Section must give its attention is the development of such recreation, and immediate attention is to be given to two matters of especial interest: the question of recreation under the abnormal conditions of the Exposition year, and the formation of a girls' swimming association.

The first will involve plans for co-operation with the three agencies specially connected with the welfare work of the Exposition—the Travelers' Aid Society, the Y. W. C. A. and the Woman's Board of the P. P. I. E., and a committee has

already been appointed to form such plans.

To carry out the second, a meeting of the girls' workers of the city has been called, and it is hoped that a swimming association will be the result. Just at present, swimming seems to be arousing a surprising amount of wistful interest among the girls of the City, and frequent questions as to "how to learn" and "where to go" to swim come to those who might be in a position to know. It is hoped that the association may be able to help answer these questions and to arrange for swimming on a large scale, with a minimum of danger, moral or physical. MARTHA A. CHICKERING,

Chairman.

Music.

The People's Philharmonic Orchestra gave its sixth symphony concert on Thursday evening, November 5th. This was Scandinavian night, and in addition to the sixty instrumental artists of the orchestra the United Scandinavian singers of 100 male voices took part. The program was as follows:

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Overture, Hamlet.....Gade
Romance.....Svendsen
Violin Solo by Franz Adelman.
Symphony No. 4.....Gade

I—Allo ma non troppo.

II—Andante.

III—Scherzo.
Landkjending.....Grieg
Konrad Andersen and the United Scandinavian Singers, Axel Pihlstrom, director.

Norwegian Dances.....Grieg

Swedish Wedding March.....Soderman

This movement for the revelation of inspired music to all the people had its beginning in the Recreation League. The New Era League, which has now taken over the workers, is making excellent progress. Indeed, the movement is so big and far reaching that theirs is the only way in which it could be carried to an ultimate conclusion.

U. G. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

Parks and Playgrounds.

I appeared before the Park Commission at its last session in regard to the transfer of Hamilton Square from that Commission to the supervision of the Playground Commission with certain provisions to have part reserved as a park and the other part as playground exclusively, which were perfectly satisfactory to all the persons of that district who have in the past been divided into numerous factions on the subject.

The work upon this playground is going to be started immediately and it will make one of the most beautiful in the city.

I appeared before the Playground Commission at their last session and urged them to appropriate a certain amount of money for the purpose of converting part of Jefferson Square into a playground. However, I learned that the money now in possession of the Playground Commission has been appropriated for different purposes and the money necessary for that particular square would have to be derived from next year's budget, so that the matter of improving Jefferson Square Park will have to be deferred for a few months.

It is the earnest desire of the chairman of this Section that all those upon his committee help the Playground Commission to secure as large an appropriation as possible from the Board of Supervisors when the proper time comes.

I. BECK, Chairman.

THE SMALL BOY ATHLETE IS GETTING A SQUARE DEAL

The Plan Followed at Lowell.

By FRED W. KOCH,

(Chairman School Athletics and Recreation Committee, Recreation League.)

Over a year ago the Department of Physical Culture and Athletics at the Lowell High School set about putting into regular practice a series of experiments on which we had been working for some years.

Realizing that the fundamental evils of the present athletic system in most schools lie in the absence of competition for any but the select few, and the consequent absorption of the school athletic funds for the training and use of those least in need of athletic attention, we have worked out the following plan which we have now had in use for some time.

The system hinges on three fundamental principles: *First: All boys must take part.* *Second: All contests emphasize the class average first, the individual championship last.* *Third: All work leads to proficiency in the boys' own games.*

For instance, during the various periods devoted to the work in one week, all the sections are in competition against each other in the running broad jump. Ninety-seven boys were in this competition last year. The next week the contest with the 8-pound shot was held and so on. At the end of each contest the class averages are posted on the bulletin boards, and also the name and record of the best performer in each section.

Last year the school as a whole, regardless of sections, competed against the Fremont High School of Oakland, Cal., and the High School of Commerce in San Francisco. On Friday, each school mailed to the other two its returns, which were posted on Monday.

To show how close and exciting the contests were it might be said that in the running broad jump the records were as follows: Average of 97 boys from Lowell, 72 from Commercial, 67 from Fremont; Lowell, 12.66 feet; Commercial, 12.50 feet; Fremont, 12.80 feet. Best jump: Lowell, 16 feet 8 inches; Commercial, 16 feet 5 inches; Fremont, 16 feet. It will thus be seen that Fremont won the school championship in the event by only 14/100 of a foot, while Lowell secured the individual championship by only 3 inches.

The interest of the boys can be explained by the fact that little fellows weighing only 80 or 90 pounds in their street clothes practiced assiduously, knowing that their improvement would lift the school average just as much as that of the big fellow who had perhaps reached his limit.

Besides jumping and shot putting, contests in running were held. Squads of five boys passed the football while running, the time of each squad being taken. A target set up at pitcher's distance is thrown at the bullseye being a rectangular mark covering a space that would be a "strike" in a game. Scoring is as at a rifle range.

In all of these contests the class average stands first, the individual champion second.

Just one of the results of this system may be seen in the records of the San Francisco Athletic League field day, when two boys from the 100-pound class at Lowell each jumped over 17 feet in the broad jump.

This year Sacramento and Berkeley high schools have joined in our plan of "field days by mail." The running broad jump has just been completed, each school sending records of the age, weight and best performance of each competitor. From re-

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ATHLETICS.

Edited by WILLIAM UNMACK.

UNUSUAL BASKETBALL ACTIVITY IS PLANNED FOR COMING SEASON.

The basketballers are preparing for a busy season this year leading up to the national championship tournament which, for the first time in history, will take place in San Francisco, the games being the first athletic event to be held in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition. On account of this tournament in February the P. A. A. Basketball Committee, which is working in conjunction with the Northern California Federation of Y. M. C. A.s under whose auspices the local championship is to be conducted this year, has decided to hold the P. A. A. tourney a month earlier than usual this year, so as to have it concluded before the national championships commence.

The first regular tournament to start will be that of the Public Schools Athletic League, the first games of which will be played on Monday, November 16th. It is expected that about 50 teams will enter this tournament, the boys being divided into three weight classes, 95 pounds, 110 pounds and 125 pounds.

The high schools, under the auspices of the San Francisco Athletic League, will, for the first time this year inaugurate the three weight plan, thus trebling the number of boys taking part in the tournament. The weights will be as follows: 100 pounds, 120 pounds and unlimited. Another innovation will be that the games will be played outdoors in the afternoons instead of indoors at night as formerly.

A tri-city tournament will be held between the Y. M. C. A.s of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley as in former years, the weights here being the same as those of the P. A. A. tournament, namely, 110, 120, 130, 145 pounds and unlimited. The Association which gains first place in the majority of these classes wins this tournament.

LINCOLN PARK GOLF CLUB.

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club house, the present arrangement under the auspices of the club will satisfy the prevailing conditions.

The offices of the Lincoln Park Golf Club are maintained in the rooms of the Recreation League where the institution had its inception. Meetings of the board of governors are held regularly once a month while special meetings of the club members are called periodically. The initiation fee has been placed at a nominal figure of \$1 and the dues at \$4 per year, this amount being sufficient to cover the cost of office expenses. Immediately following the organization of the club, the Park Commission, at the request of the organization, started the completion of the remaining three holes of the nine hole course. A better service and atmosphere has been forthcoming from the caddies, the conditions at the start are more acceptable and the entire scope of the golf situation on the public course is greatly improved. The club has already proven itself an excellent influence over

the whole situation and through its efforts the golf enthusiasts hope to advertise California with champions of such standard as the public tennis courts of this city have been instrumental in sending forth to meet the world's best.

Want A. A. U. Presidency Here.

There is quite a movement on foot in local athletic circles to secure the election of John Elliott as President of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States when that body meets in New York on November 16th. As all of the national championships have been awarded to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, local people consider it would be best to have the president of the national body right here on the ground. John Elliott is at present president of the Pacific Association and first vice-president of the A. A. U. and is therefore in line for promotion.

The Amateur Athletic Union will also have to elect a successor to the late Secretary-Treasurer, James E. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan's position has been temporarily filled by Bartow S. Weeks, justice of the New York Court of Appeals, but it is not known whether Justice Weeks will be a candidate for the position permanently.

George James, chairman of the P. A. A. Registration Committee, will represent the local body at the annual meeting.

Public School Field Meets.

Two field meets for grammar school boys were held at the Southside Playgrounds during the past month, a championship game on October 17, and a novice meet on October 31. The program consisted entirely of field events, jumping, shot putting, basketball throw, rope climbs and tug-of-war. These field meets have been devised in order to give boys an opportunity for all around training as, under the rules of the Public Schools Athletic League, a boy can enter but one event at a given meet. In the plan of athletics now being followed in San Francisco, therefore, exclusively field meets are held in the fall and exclusively running meets in the springtime allowing individuals to take part both in field events and races.

Four hundred and twenty-five boys entered the championship games, which were won for the fourth successive time by the Laguna Honda School, which has established for itself a remarkable athletic record.

Four hundred boys entered in the novice meet from which were excluded all boys who had ever won a first, second or third place in a championship contest. Mission Grammar School came out victorious in this meet after a close contest with Columbia, having 32 points to Columbia's 26.

P. A. A. COMMITTEES NAMED.

At the last monthly meeting of the Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union President John Elliott announced the committees of the local athletic governing body for the ensuing year. They are as follows:

Registration Committee—George James, chairman, 28 Geary street, San Francisco; William Donald, 891 Monadnock Building, San Francisco; M. E. Andruss, 504 Valencia street, San Francisco.

Championship Committee—Herbert Hauser, chairman; R. W. Dodd, W. M. Coffman, Wm. Donald, Chas. Minto.

Membership Committee—Eustace M. Peixotto, chairman; Milton Meyer, J. H. Thomlinson.

Records Committee—Wm. Unmack, chairman; Chas. Minto, D. E. Brown.

Basketball Committee—H. M. Strickler, C. F. Martin, W. L. Seawright, C. H. Tooze, J. E. Rogers.

Finance Committee—A. J. Cloud, chairman; Frank Boek, Allan Macdonald.

Gymnastic Committee—W. L. Seawright, chairman, c/o Berkeley Y. M. C. A.; C. F. Martin, H. M. Strickler.

Publicity and Promotion Committee—J. E. Rogers, chairman; Geo. Schlitter, J. D. Cohen.

Legislation Committee—Geo. James, chairman; J. R. Hickey, Geo. Klarman.

SQUARE DEAL FOR SMALL BOY.

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turns received so far Sacramento leads in this event. Sacramento with 127 boys in the contest averaged 13.276 feet with a jump of 18 feet 3 inches by one boy. Lowell with 151 boys averaged 12.509 feet with a best jump of 18 feet 1 inch by her best performer. These contests are for freshmen only.

The interest at Lowell is intense and we watch for the "returns" with as much eagerness as politicians watch a newspaper bulletin. These competitions are open to any school. All that is necessary is to send for blanks. We shall be glad to give any further information that is wanted.



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BOYS' CONFERENCE PRODUCTIVE OF EXCELLENT RESULTS.

Many Striking Speeches.

The first conference of San Francisco Boys' Workers was held, as announced last month at the call of the Boys' Section of the Recreation League, on December 3; 4 and 5, the first and second sessions being at the Hotel St. Francis; the closing dinner at the St. Germain Restaurant.

Following is a summary of the proceedings of the conference:

First Session, Thursday Evening.

President Jesse W. Lilienthal of the Recreation League called the meeting to order and heartily welcomed those present on behalf of the League and read the call sent out by Chairman Eustace M. Peixotto of the Boys' Section stating the purposes of the conference. He then called for nominations for chairman of the conference, and Mr. Eustace Peixotto was unanimously elected and took the chair.

Speaking on the subject of "Music for Boys," Mr. Harvey Loy pointed out some of the fallacies that exist in regard to the training of boys' voices. He pointed out the fact that physiologically there was little difference between boys' and girls' throats up to the age of 12 or 14, just as there was very little difference otherwise structurally; that there were in consequence as many if not more sopranos among boys than among girls at that period; in fact, statistics showed that the average boy's voice was higher in pitch. He characterized the present method of teaching music in the schools assigning the lower parts to the boys and the upper to the girls a perversion of nature and an unnecessary accentuation of sex, leading to precocity. He also pointed out that in this way boys were systematically deprived of learning the melodies of common airs, and cited an illustration of a boy who, called upon to sing a solo, rendered a bass part of Annie Laurie, not knowing it was not the air.

Mr. Loy gave his ideas as to how boys should be introduced to music, first through rousing college songs, then minstrel melodies, including some of the fine old Stephen Foster gems, and then be given high grade classical music, singing in unison, after which part singing should be attempted.

He also spoke of instrumental music, advocating bands as preferable to orchestras in boys' work, as really satisfactory results were almost impossible of attainment in the latter.

Superintendent of Schools Alfred Roncoviari disagreed with the latter conclusion, and told of the orchestra of high school boys and girls he had organized. He spoke of the uplifting effect of music and its universal appeal. He advocated more free public band concerts, and told of the beginnings of the Golden Gate Park Band, of which he was one of the first members.

The subject of "Boys' Athletics" was treated by Mr. Fred Koch, who spoke of the work he had done at Lowell High School to adapt athletic work to large

numbers, and especially to the smaller boys, in the manner outlined in the last number of "Recreation."

Joseph R. Hickey, in discussing this subject, maintained that one who had taken part in athletics was always better fitted for any walk of life in which he might find himself later. He minimized the dangers which some people said came from athletics, and stated his belief that such cases were extremely rare.

Second Session, Friday Morning.

Charles F. Norton, headworker of the Columbia Park Boys' Club, who spoke in place of Major Sidney Peixotto, who was suffering from a severe hoarseness, told of the impromptu type of dramatic work as developed in his club, and urged its value as a training in self-expression and in public speaking, and expressed the opinion that better results were attained in this way than by learning written plays. He told how boys were encouraged to write their own plays.

Mr. Garnet Holme, dramatic coach of the University of California, expressed the opinion that, while the impromptu training Mr. Norton spoke of was excellent in its way, it was by no means sufficient; that boys should study and act as best they could the works of the great playwrights like Shakespeare, for the sake, not of what the audience, but the actors would get out of it. He characterized the spending of time on farce comedies, as was the custom in so many high school productions, as a waste of time.

After considerable discussion of various phases of the subject by a number of those present, the chairman summed up the general drift of the argument as follows:

"Impromptu dramatics are most valuable for younger boys, but after they have had a certain training in dramatics they should attempt difficult plays, such as Shakespeare, and not confine their efforts to farces."

From the conclusion as thus stated no one present disagreed.

Mr. Raymond O. Hansen, Boys' Work Secretary of the S. F. Y. M. C. A., read a paper on "Boys' Camps" that was a classic. He pointed out the great benefits which boys derived from life out of doors and from the careful organization which every well regulated camp maintains. He expressed the opinion that a man could get to really know his boys better in one month in camp than in the other eleven months in the city, and characterized the camp as the most important and valuable single feature of boys' work.

Superintendent George C. Turner of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society told of his experience in combining work with play by picking berries in connection with his summer camp. He told of the demand by boys outside of his institution to go to the camp—a demand he could not fully satisfy.

Dr. G. H. Richardson wanted to know what could be done for the boy who, as he expressed it, was not "fortunate enough to be able to join the Y. M. C. A., or unfortunate enough to be committed to the

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A CITY'S LAST RESORTS IN RECREATION.

Streets, Backyards and Roofs.

By EDWARD H. PFEIFFER.

[Mr. Pfeiffer, new Executive Secretary of the Chelsea Neighborhood Association, New York City, was recently Assistant Secretary of the Recreation League. This article shows that he still thinks of San Francisco.]

San Francisco is so fortunate today in the abundance of her natural recreation facilities and her people suffer so little from the congestion of city life that she can read about "last resorts in recreation" with the interest of a spectator and without more than the remotest apprehension lest New York City's plight should one day be her own.

To make a long story short: New York City with its 5,000,000 inhabitants and 900,000 school children is today forced to retreat as a last resort to streets, backyards and roofs so that her army of youngsters may satisfy their normal play instincts properly.

Chelsea Neighborhood, which contains 180,000 persons, through its association, is now making a desperate effort to secure play-space for its thousands of boys and girls. Success is meeting our attempts, but as in other districts of the greater city, the play-space secured for the youngsters is not healthy, greensward in the country, nor a park in the midst of the city desert nor even a vacant lot playground. All that we have been able to secure has been the roofs of public buildings, a few backyards and a few streets closed several hours daily to traffic.

Surely these are last resorts, and the only next step down in the scale could be cellar playgrounds. And yet this vast and wealthy city is grateful today for roofs, backyards and streets. Land has grown so expensive that the city can scarcely afford to establish playgrounds save now and then in a few scattered parts of the metropolis.

San Francisco should take warning and provide adequate playground facilities throughout its boundaries, in every one of its districts, while land values still make possible the acquisition of these necessities. Playgrounds only become apparently luxuries when land is exorbitantly high in value, and yet even then it is more economical for the city to establish playgrounds than to combat gangs, conduct courts, prisons and asylums. Every dollar San Francisco invests in playgrounds today will be ten dollars saved ten years from now.

Today New York is transforming the roofs of public buildings into playgrounds wherever possible, and real estate men are making into play space the roofs of private buildings whenever owners cooperate. The roofs are fenced and supervisors placed in charge.

Backyards are leveled and play paraphernalia provided. There the tots revel in fun the whole day long under a play-leader. The owners of adjoining yards are occasionally cajoled into allowing the removal of fences and thus at times the

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From the **RECREATION** Point
of View

ONE of the happiest results of the recent Conference of Boys' Workers was that they found themselves in substantial accord on every subject they discussed. Men, and women too, who engage in "social work" are apt to get much absorbed in their own particular sphere of influence and not realize that others, working in apparently different fields, have, after all, much the same ends as they, and their methods are not as different as they frequently suppose. This the Conference demonstrated.

With this kinship of interest realized, the way is now open to broader achievement along the lines of spreading the ideals and standards for which all good boys' work stands among the coming generation in all classes of the community. It is a great mistake to suppose that organized efforts for boys' recreation are needed only among the poor. The Conference brought out the fact that the "poor little rich boy" is often more sadly in need of wholesome environment than his supposedly worse off brother.

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A CITY is built for business, not for children. An apartment house is about as well adapted to youngsters' play as a grassy meadow is to a department store. Every time you want to make a place in a city especially for the little ones, you try to bring a little bit of the open country into it, green if possible, with a tree or two, or, if not, just an open space and some steel imitations of trees known as playground apparatus. When real flowers fade, artificial ones can express their beauty if not their fragrance.

Taken in sum, all our efforts for boys and girls, from the Y. M. C. A. to the Detention Home, are to correct the effect of an unfavorable environment, a climate as noxious to the rich man's son as to the poor man's child. Where the ground is barren and stony we must use a fertilizer. Playgrounds, Boys' Clubs and Y. M. C. A.'s are not desirable; they are necessary. They are the fertilizer, artificial, if you please, but needed in a soil, stone-covered and overworked by commercial ambitions.

SECTION NOTES

Girls.

A Girls' Swimming League has been launched through the efforts of the Girls' Section, and arrangements made with Sutro Baths for instruction and contests between the various clubs. The Board of Directors of the Association will consist of one director and two girls from each organization or group composing the league.

The Section will investigate the possibility of taking under its jurisdiction one night a week at some dance hall, a committee for the purpose of investigating the possibility and advisability of such a step having been appointed by the chairman.

MARTHA A. CHICKERING, Chairman.

Social Center.

The Social Center Section reports that the Board of Education will shortly open two more schools—the Yerba Buena and Bryant—as Centers. The Section is endeavoring to co-operate with the Board in every way possible in promoting this work.

GEORGE C. TURNER, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reports the following memberships for November, 1914:

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You are interested in the work of the Recreation League, are you not? Are you a member? Are you giving it your full support?

RECREATION CONGRESS FOR 1915 PLANNED.

All Commissions Co-operate.

At the suggestion of James A. Barr, Director of Congresses of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, the Recreation League of San Francisco sent out a call for a meeting to a number of persons about the bay interested in recreation to consider the plan of holding a national congress on this subject during the Fair, this being one of the few topics of importance not so far covered by such a gathering. To this call about thirty persons responded, and, at a meeting presided over by President Jesse W. Lilienthal, approved the general idea of such a congress and chose an organization committee; composed of one representative each of the Municipal Playground Commissions of the cities about the bay, one from the Recreation League and one from the University of California, to devise ways and means of carrying out such a project.

This committee, composed of Eustace M. Peixotto, Recreation League, chairman; Gustavus Schneider, Berkeley, secretary; Angelo J. Rossi, San Francisco, Miss Ethel Moore, Oakland, Mrs. Eileen Allen, Alameda, and Prof. F. L. Kleeberger, University of California, has drawn up tentative plans for a congress to be held from July 5 to 10, 1915, which dates correspond with those of the "Playground Boys' Week," as proposed by the Athletic Department of the Exposition.

The general plan is to have a session in each of the cities about the bay, the morning being devoted to speeches and discussion and the afternoons to demonstrations.

The organization committee has nominated a general committee, under whose auspices the congress will be held. The first meeting of this general committee will be held on Friday, December 11, in the rooms of the League, at which time the organization committee will present its plans for approval.

Night at Boys' Club.

In spite of a rainy night, a goodly number of people accepted Major Sidney S. Peixotto's invitation to the Recreation League to visit the Columbia Park Boys' Club on the evening of November 27th. Those who came were well repaid by a most interesting demonstration of the regular work of the club, and many were surprised at its wide scope and astonishing results.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS.

Nov. 3—Girls' Section	5 p. m.
Nov. 5—Luncheon, Hotel Stewart	12:30 p. m.
Nov. 6—Girls' Swimming Ass'n	10:15 a. m.
Nov. 6—Social Center Section	4 p. m.
Nov. 6—Mass Meeting, Hotel St. Francis, Bishop Hanna	8 p. m.
Nov. 10—S. F. A. L.	4:30 p. m.
Nov. 12—Recreation Congress	4 p. m.
Nov. 13—Drama League	4 p. m.
Nov. 17—House and Grounds Committee, Golf Club	8 p. m.
Nov. 19—Executive Committee	4 p. m.
Nov. 20—Drama League	2:30 p. m.
Nov. 20—Recreation Congress, Organization Committee	4:30 p. m.
Nov. 23—Lecture by Mr. Rogers, Benicia	8 p. m.
Nov. 23—S. F. A. L.	4 p. m.
Nov. 27—Recreation Congress, Organization Committee	3 p. m.
Nov. 30—Girls' Section	4 p. m.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 3—Luncheon, Hotel Stewart	12:30 p. m.
Dec. 3—Organization Committee, Recreation Congress	3 p. m.
Dec. 3—Boys' Conference	
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Dec. 5—Boys' Conference	

BOYS' CONFERENCE PRODUCTIVE OF EXCELLENT RESULTS.

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Boys' and Girls' Aid Society," to secure the benefits of an organized summer camp. After a general discussion participated in in nearly all of those present, most of whom had had actual camp experience, Dr. Richardson moved that the chair appoint a committee to go into the matter further and recommend plans either for a municipal camp, as found in some cities, or for more privately organized camps. From among those present the chair appointed Dr. G. H. Richardson, chairman; Rev. D. O. Crowley, Raymond O. Hansen, George C. Turner and Major Sidney S. Peixotto.

Third and Fourth Sessions.

The third and fourth sessions comprised visits to institutions, at which the work of each was carefully explained, and many interesting informal discussions took place. The following were visited:

Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.
Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum.
Youths' Directory.
Columbia Park Boys' Club.
Monroe School Social Center.
Young Men's Christian Association.
Detention Home.
North Beach Playgrounds.
People's Place.
Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Association.

Closing Dinner, Saturday Evening.

The general subject for discussion was "The Recreation Problem of the Normal Boy."

Dr. Martin A. Meyer pointed out the changed conditions under which family groups are living in San Francisco. When the men of today were boys, there was always a backyard to play in and a basement to "give shows"; today the boy must live along with the rest of his group in a crowded flat and his only escape is the playground. The speaker accented the slowness with which the world wakes up to this fact and to the disagreeable results of it upon the normal boy. He thought that the "movies" and other commercialized bids for the play interest of the boy were degrading him, not improving him.

The chief difficulty was that society did not want to take action until something was radically wrong, and so only when the boy was a dependent or a delinquent could count on getting special attention. If a boy, for example, wants to get a good vocational education along certain lines he must commit a crime and be sent to the Preston School of Industry, the only State school providing such a training. This, Dr. Meyer thought, was all wrong, and he believed that the times called for a general interest in the normal boy and suggested, finally, that when the church and the school would cease merely to insist upon a few special facts, and wield its influence by way of arousing a wide range of interests, the chance for the boy which has been lost with the passing of the separate home would come again.

Mr. J. C. Astredo said that no one better than he knew that we were not meeting the problem of the normal boy, because he has to take care of so many who come to the Juvenile Court simply because they have not been given the proper opportunities for play. He cited numerous striking illustrations of this, and ended by saying that while his present work forced him to deal with the wreckage, his greatest interest was in keeping the normal boy normal, and that he hoped some day this

type of work would make unnecessary the Juvenile Court.

Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Bishop Nichol's Aid for Boys, told of some interesting experiences he has had in introducing recreation activities in connection with church work in rural communities. He said he probably loved this work so much because of his own happy boyhood.

James Edward Rogers said that after a varied experience in boys' club work in three sections of San Francisco and a year in a playground in a negro district in Los Angeles, he believed he was doing the most effective social work of his life as a teacher in Lowell High School, and he wondered whether there really was a normal boy. The boys of this school, he said, came from good homes and were well dressed, but were really worse off because of idleness and lack of understanding by parents and teachers than their poorer brothers south of Market street. They most of all needed a friend, a man who understood them.

Major Sidney S. Peixotto said that most boys were normal, but that the great fault was with the men of today, who were abnormal, and who, generally speaking, had no time for and no real sympathy with the growing boy. The great need, he maintained, was that those who really understood boys should make the community realize that their way of thinking was the right one.

TANGIBLE RESULTS.

1. Appointment of a committee, consisting of Dr. G. H. Richardson, chairman; Rev. D. O. Crowley, Raymond O. Hansen, George C. Turner and Sidney S. Peixotto, to devise ways and means for more boys' camps next summer, either under municipal or private auspices, as may be deemed most advisable.

2. Passage of a resolution that the Boys' Section of the Recreation be broadened in its scope to include all who attended the conference and that it meet monthly to discuss such subjects as were treated at the conference.

3. Inauguration of a systematic campaign to make the public see the need for work for the ordinary, normal, healthy boy. The first talk in pursuance of this scheme will be delivered by Major Sidney Peixotto this month at the Temple Emanuel, by invitation of Dr. Meyer.

A CITY'S LAST RESORT

FOR RECREATION PLACES

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backyard play space grows from one yard into two or three.

As for street-play, through the co-operation of the Police Commissioner, designated streets are shut to traffic daily from 2 to 6 p. m., and under the supervision of a play-leader games conducted for the youngsters. These street centers are meeting with great success.

The Chelsea Neighborhood Association is opening two such streets and plans to conduct basketball, baseball and hockey games as well as races in these street centers.

In closing, here is the wish expressed once more that San Francisco will, before it is driven to these extremities, now make yearly adequate provision for children's play through the wise establishment of real playgrounds in all its districts.

The Recreation League does NOT want your financial support unless you are interested in its work. But you are, are you not?

PLAYGROUNDS HAVE REDUCED JUVENILE CRIME.

Results in San Francisco.

By J. C. ASTREDO,
Chief Probation Officer.

Prior to the establishing of the playgrounds at North Beach and at Seventh and Harrison streets, a large number of the cases brought to the attention of the Juvenile Court came from these two districts. It was with interest, therefore, that we watched for the effect that the establishing of these two play centers would have on the children of these districts, and it is now with great pleasure that we note that there has been a large falling off in the number of arrests for minor offenses in these neighborhoods, as well as a marked improvement in the progress of probationers living within a radius of the playgrounds.

The Hamilton Square playground, located in the immediate neighborhood of the Juvenile Court, has met the needs of the smaller children of the district, but considerable complaint is had regarding the older boys—those between 14 and 16—creating disturbances, and it is believed that if this playground were enlarged and an opportunity given the older boys for a baseball field that this would remedy conditions to a large extent and keep the older boys, known as the *Scott street gang*, off the streets.

Referring to the police complaints on file in this office, we note that a large number of boys are called to the attention of the Probation Officer from the Richmond, Ingleside and Park Stations.

In those neighborhoods where there are parks for the boys to play in conditions are often bad, due to the lack of supervision. These parks, by reason of the trees and shrubbery, offer large opportunity for mischief.

Not long ago a number of small boys were brought to the attention of this office through having broken a number of windows in the Junipero Serra school building. These boys gathered in the park in front of the school and indulged in a "rock war," resulting not so much in any damage to themselves as to the school building and to the pockets of their fathers when it came to settling for the damage.

With proper play opportunity and play inducements a large number of boys would undoubtedly be deterred from selling papers after school hours and the idea of earning a few dimes would not become so fixed a goal as to result in such a state of affairs as was discovered in the case of eight boys brought to the Probation Office on a police complaint. These boys discovered that selling papers at one cent a copy was much less remunerative than selling bottles at five cents each, especially when the bottles were secured without cost, they having been stolen.

Boyish mischief is usually the result of boyish activity, and when this activity is not directed into the right channel it is going to break out in some form of trouble—usually to the boy and his parents—but sometimes involving others. The playgrounds supply the proper channel.

We are looking forward to having gymnasiums built on the playgrounds where boys' clubs may be formed and where, under supervision, the boys may meet in the evening for recreation, rather than seeking it in the places of commercialized amusement that abound in the city or on the streets.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

EDITED BY WILLIAM UNMACK

McGOVERN SAYS NEW YORK SCHOOL BOYS WILL COME HERE

James J. McGovern, head of the athletic department of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, has just returned from New York, and in a talk the athletic editor had with him the other day made some interesting remarks on school and play and recreation work in the big city, as follows:

"One of the most interesting talks I had was with a representative of the Public Schools Athletic League of New York City. It will probably surprise you to know that there is enrolled in New York City's Public Schools Athletic League 300,000 school boys. After school, athletic centers conducted by the Department of Education have a weekly attendance of something like 165,000. These after-school centers are located in the congested district of the different burroughs.

"On the East Side I was greatly impressed to note that different streets were closed—not for repairs, but for play. They are certainly doing things for the school boy. All this interests us, of course, but what I am particularly interested in from an Exposition standpoint is the statement to the effect that a movement will shortly be started in the city to raise \$40,000 to send 175 school boys to compete in our Exposition school boy events."

Girls' Swimming to the Fore.

Now that the A. A. U. has definitely let down the bars for girls in the swimming pool we are sure to see an advance of the sport all over the country among the fair sex. The fact that the Exposition will now put on girls' swimming championships will bring all the best girl swimmers of the world to our doors next year. By the way, it might be a good plan for the local P. S. A. L. to consider giving the grammar school girls a swimming meet in the near future.

P. A. A. Cross Country.

A Cross Country Championship is to be held under the auspices of the Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union on Christmas day, starting at 10:30 a. m.

A gold medal will be given to the winner; silver medals for second, third, fourth and fifth places, and bronze medals for sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth places.

A team trophy will be awarded to the team scoring the least number of points, such points to be counted according to the positions in which the representatives of such club finish. Teams shall consist of not more than seven (7) men, the points of the first five (5) finishing to count.

The course is approximately as follows: Passing out of the Stadium, to Thirty-sixth avenue, to "A" street, following the car line to Thirty-third avenue, to Point Lobos avenue, to Thirty-second avenue, to California street, thence in a direct line to Baker's Beach, along the beach about

300 yards inside of Presidio Reservation, thence at right angles up hill direct to the wireless station, to Marine Hospital, to the Panhandle, to the Park, to the Stadium via the south entrance, then following the bicycle path and finishing on the cinder track. The course is approximately six miles, and will be properly flagged the morning of the race.

No competitor will be allowed to start unless he is over 18 years of age and has passed a physical examination to be made by a physician who will be in attendance at the dressing rooms on the morning of the race.

Entries positively close with the committee at 1058 Phelan building, on Saturday, December 19, 1914.

Lowell Not to Play for State Honors.

The Lowell High School football team will have no chance to play for the State title, though the team is undoubtedly the best Rugby team any city school has ever put forward. The schools of the Federation are satisfied to play closed shop, and will not allow any outside team to play in their back yard. The Federation football winner can claim the championship of the Federation, and no one will object, but to lay claim to the State title will be an absurdity, particularly when more than 60 per cent of the boys playing Rugby football are to be found right here in San Francisco.

Many Grammar Schools Play Basketball.

Fifty-eight teams representing grammar schools in this city are playing in the Public Schools Athletic League basketball tournament, and games at the rate of four a day are taking place after school. There are three-weight divisions in the tournament—125, 110 and 95 lbs.—and many schools have teams entered in all three classes. The play has not proceeded far enough in each of the four districts into which the city is divided to say as yet which teams are leading in many cases. This is the largest entry of teams in the six years that the League has existed.

P. A. A. WILL MANAGE

OWN BASKETBALL SERIES

At the last meeting of the P. A. A., it was announced that the Northern Federation of Y. M. C. A.'s found itself unable to manage the championship basketball tournament of the Association, as it had planned to do. President Elliott therefore appointed a new basketball committee, consisting of Herbert Hauser, chairman; C. F. Martin, W. L. Seawright, C. H. Tooze and James Edward Rogers, to manage the tournament.

The territory under the jurisdiction of the Association has been divided into eleven districts, in each of which a tournament will be held, the winners to meet in final matches. For each district a committee has been appointed. The districts and committees are as follows:

District No. 1—Jas. E. Rogers, 1058 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco; M. E. Andruss.

District No. 2—R. E. Wilson, Presidio Y. M. C. A., San Francisco.

District No. 3—F. A. Saxton, San Jose Y. M. C. A.; R. B. Leland, R. M. Wilcox.

District No. 4—Dr. W. W. Cook, Santa Cruz Y. M. C. A.; F. E. Gates, Watsonville Y. M. C. A.

District No. 5—F. Boek, 1664 Webster street, Oakland; W. L. Seawright, Berkeley Y. M. C. A.; Walter Christie, U. C.

District No. 6—W. A. Bartlett, care Dibert Drug Co., Georgia street, Vallejo.

District No. 7—L. J. Shuman, Lakeport, Cal.

District No. 8—C. F. Gannon, Sacramento Athletic Club; A. G. Putnam.

District No. 9—Chester Conklin, Stockton, Cal.; Dr. L. Dozier, Elmer Reynolds.

District No. 10—C. H. T. Tooze, Fresno Y. M. C. A.; W. F. Corbett.

District No. 11—J. K. Henderson, Y. M. C. A., Reno, Nevada.

Edward B. DeGroot, who is coming to San Francisco to take general charge of the recreation work under the Board of Education and Playground Commission, will arrive in San Francisco about the first of the year. Mr. DeGroot originally expected to be here by November 1, but found it impossible to finish his work in Chicago by that date.



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GIRLS' SECTION HAS PROVED AN EFFECTIVE AGENCY.

Worthwhile Movements Started.

By MARTHA A. CHICKERING.

The Girls' Section was reorganized some months ago for the purpose of bringing the various workers with girls in the city into closer co-operation, and of trying to enlarge the opportunities of the San Francisco girl to obtain recreation which would be good fun, and still be wholesome. Representatives of most of the organizations in the city having any dealings with girls' recreation in any manner were welded into a committee, and forthwith set to work.

The first thing we did was to decide on a few general lines of action. The Association of Playground Directors had just about that time decided that competitive athletics for girls was entirely undesirable, and we felt that we would be safe to trust their judgment, so athletics organized around the spur of competition were ruled out of our program. The committee also decided that the school girl and the girl of leisure needed attention less than the girl employed through the day, and that limited our field for the time being at least, to the girls in the city who are at work. Finally, we decided that there was a great deal to do, and we would not try to do it all at once, which was, on the whole, the most important conclusion we have ever reached.

The Girls' Section has begun four things during its initial months of work. In facing the many opportunities and needs, it seemed wise to get our first experience along the road of least resistance, so we set out first to develop that form of recreation for which there seemed the greatest call—swimming. Sutro Baths co-operated with us very generously in our attempt to put the exercise and fun of swimming within reach of the girl on small pay and the result was the formation of the San Francisco Girls' Swimming Association. During the rainy months of the winter some 200 girls have taken advantage of the membership privileges of this club, the Swimming Club of the Emporium being especially strong.

The second thing resulting from the activities of the Girls' Section was the starting of a recreation association of the employees of Newman Magnin. Mrs. Newman is a member of the Section and initiated, and is personally directing, this club. Its first dance was held recently, with very marked success.

The Girls' Conference, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Bert Schlesinger, is the third undertaking. This is fully reported on in another place.

But probably the most important thing accomplished has been the bringing together of the workers among girls. The local problems of any worker are so serious that it is difficult for her to extract herself sufficiently to get in touch with

them any recreation worker will ever have the problems—and the solutions—of other workers. Through the Girls' Section, which has tried to meet neither too often nor too long, we have come to know each other somewhat better, and the Girl Workers' Conference will probably do a good deal more to help along this exchange of friendship and encouragement.

It is not necessary to go into detail about the things there are yet to be done in San Francisco in the way of recreation for girls. The settlements, the playgrounds and schools, the Y. W. C. A. and various girls' clubs are all doing fine work, but there are a good many parts of the recreational map which may still be marked "Unexplored." And of all these, the one which comes back to us again and again as one of the most serious is that there is still no adequate provision in San Francisco of places where girls may meet the right sort of boys amid the right sort of surroundings. Many and many a girl in this city steps out of the path of highest womanhood for no other reason than that she is bitterly lonely, and year after year we let it go on, and the greater proportion of our girls still have no other place to meet young men than the public dance hall.

Ideas of recreation are undergoing a change, I believe. Just to supply girls with the means of having a selfish "good time" for an evening, or two evenings, or a year of evenings can no longer be our ideal. It was the protest of a girl in one of my own clubs that roused me from the happy delusion that I was doing all she wanted when I helped her to have a pleasure once a week. "Why don't we do something for someone else some time?" she said. "We're all the time doing things for ourselves." And after all, isn't that the recreation that brings the truest enjoyment to every one of us—this doing something for someone else? And in the heart of every girl I have ever known slumbers that longing—the longing for the luxury of giving, and our schemes of recreation can never be complete till we include the purpose to help her satisfy that just as thoroughly as we have been trying to satisfy her more selfish cravings for enjoyment.

Again, no person can work among girls over a week without being brought face to face with the fact that it is not environment—the kind of work a girl does—which is going to make her safe in the face of temptation;—it is only that which lies within the girl herself, and no amount of trying to twist that truth around by trying to safeguard any girl automatically is going to alter it one particle. Is, then, our biggest problem to give a girl a good place to play? Isn't it rather to give her good people to play with? The "contagion of character"—that is an epidemic which, could we get it thoroughly started, would solve most of our problems of recreation. It is started, of course, and has been for many generations, but surely the spreading of this character is the biggest problem

GIRLS' WORKERS WILL MEET IN CONFERENCE THIS MONTH.

First Gathering of Its Kind.

By MRS. BERT SCHLESINGER.

The Girls' Section of the Recreation League has planned a Conference of Girls' Workers, to be held March 19th and 20th.

The purpose of holding such a conference is of course to get technical help, but chiefly for the inspiration that comes from meeting those who are working along the same lines.

There will be two sessions, one on Friday evening, March 19th, and one on Saturday morning, March 20th, followed by a luncheon and visits to one or two typical recreation centers. Exceptionally fine speakers are to be on the program, including Mr. Edward B. De Groot, Director of Recreation in the San Francisco schools; Mr. Orin Cocks of the National Board of Censorship of Moving Pictures and others equally able, all of whom will give time for questions and discussion.

Places at the luncheon, at which Mr. De Groot is to be the speaker, must be reserved before March 18th; seventy-five cents per plate. Notify Mrs. Bert Schlesinger, General Chairman, care Girls' Section, Recreation League.

If this—the first Girls' Conference—is to be a success, it must be supported by all workers among girls around the Bay. We therefore earnestly call upon all those interested in the welfare of our girls to "rally to the summons, to be present, to talk, to get acquainted."

The program is as follows:

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 19, 1915.

Auditorium of Girls' High School, Scott and Geary Sts., 8:15 p. m.
Mrs. Bert Schlesinger, Presiding.

Welcome on behalf of Recreation League....
.....Mr. Jesse W. Lillenthal, President
"Commercialized Recreation"—

- (1) "The Girl and Leisure".....Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto, University of California
- (2) "General Public Commercialized Amusements".....Mr. James Edward Rogers, State Recreation Commission
- (3) "Uses of the Movies".....
.....Mr. Orrin G. Cocks, National Board of Censors of Moving Pictures

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 20, 1915.

St. Francis Hotel, Room 1, 10 o'clock.
Miss Martha A. Chickering, Presiding.

1. "Municipal Recreation".....Miss S. E. Hagelthorn
2. "Constructive Work With Girls in Clubs".....Miss A. Moore
3. "A Spiritual Aspect of Recreation".....
.....Mrs. Wm. Palmer Lucas

Luncheon.

The Saturday morning conference will be followed by a luncheon, at which Mr. Edward Burton de Groot, Director of Recreation Work of the San Francisco Board of Education, will be the speaker.

to face, and it would seem to me that once that problem were thoroughly faced, there would be no further "moral equivalent for war" needed.

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

BOOTH Mrs. William Palmer Lucas and Miss Martha Chickering at the last luncheon meeting of the Recreation League, which, by the way, was one of the best in its history, gave us a thought that is worthy of repetition to those who were unfortunate enough not to be present on that occasion. Speaking of "Recreation for Girls" both emphasized the great truth that what girls most needed were not excellent facilities and opportunities for amusement, but the right sort of playmates, and this is just as true for boys as for girls. Physical environment counts for something in our lives but personal contacts count for something infinitely more. Many of us, young and old, are kept in the straight and narrow path by having some one whose good opinion we do not wish to lose by bad conduct. In many cases this person is a parent or both parents. Fortunate is the condition if this is so. If it is not so, there is something wrong—usually with the parent. If the father or mother is not living a life that commands the respect and admiration of his or her child, he or she cannot exercise this beneficent influence. If the father and

mother are the right sort of people they are the best playmates a child can have and if they fail to interest themselves in their children's play interests they are guilty of a neglect almost as hurtful to the child's future character as a neglect in supplying bodily comforts! It is because parents so often fail to recognize this duty and shirk it that, in our schemes of public recreation, we have to provide a substitute good playmate in the form of some sympathetic older person. That is why we put supervisors on our playgrounds. I wonder if they, or the public that puts them there, always realize the full significance or the full responsibilities of their position?

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THIS month "Recreation" has a new Athletic Editor. Mr. William Unmack, who has rendered the paper so much good service for a number of months past has been forced by press of other work to withdraw. We are fortunate however in securing the services of Mr. Ray Daugherty, Director of the city's largest playground, who is, and has been for years, in close touch with all athletic affairs, especially among boys' organizations. As we have been able to secure Mr. Daugherty at the same salary that the other members of the Editorial Staff receive, namely, nothing, we feel that we are doubly to be congratulated in his acquisition.

Boys' Section Plans Monthly Meetings.

Reorganization of the Boys' Section of the Recreation League on lines suggested at the Conference of Boy Workers held last December was effected at a meeting of the Section held in the Phelan Building on Friday, February 19. Eustace M. Peixotto was elected President and Harry Tiedemann Secretary. Mr. E. B. De Groot was present and gave a very comprehensive discussion of the different types of boys and the need for systematic development of the work among them. A program committee was appointed to arrange for discussions to be carried out at future meetings of the Section. The committee was made up as follows: Raymond Hanson, Chairman; Ray Daugherty, Sidney S. Peixotto. The Section will hold regular monthly meetings in future.

At the next meeting the Section will be addressed by Mr. H. D. Cross, National Field Scout Commissioner, who is coming from Los Angeles especially for this purpose. This meeting will be held March 18, at 10 a. m.

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND" IS NOW AT CHILDREN'S THEATER.

Second Month of Existence.

By EDNA RIESE.

Hurrah! Alice in Wonderland has come to town!

The second month of the Children's Theater began on Thursday, March 4th, with the successful presentation of the fairy story "Alice in Wonderland." The kiddies liked "Alice in Wonderland" even better than its predecessor, "Shock-Headed Peter." They were more familiar with the story. Each of the characters was recognized with delight as they appeared on the stage and their appreciation may be summed up in the words of one little fellow who, beaming, exclaimed, "Why, it's just like my mamma read in the book." The version of "Alice in Wonderland" used was adapted by Mr. Perry Newberry.

The characters were cleverly presented by the following cast:

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND."

(The Actor Folk:

Alice Ruth Ormsby
White Rabbit.....Edna Riese
Cook.....Mrs. Majorie Mellor
Duchess.....Nelly Laura Walker
Walrus.....Clare H. Harrington
March Hare.....Helen Audiffred
Dormouse.....Ruthelma Stevens
Queen of Hearts.....Hortense White
King of Hearts.....Stanley Livingstone
Executioner.....Nowell Heatherington
White Knight.....Dan W. Totheroh
Carpenter.....S. Bloom
White Rose.....Grace Wickham

Dance Arranged by Miss Phyllis Dix.

Mock Turtle.....Philip Wetherall
Two of Spades.....Dorothy Gaynor
Five of Spades.....Nina Egloff
La Fantasia.....Jeannette Hoagland

Dance Arranged by Miss Hoagland.

Knave of Hearts.....Marcel Lusinch
Seven of Spades.....Pauline Spiro
Other Characters: Mad Hatter, Caterpillar,
Cheshire Cat, Tweedledum, Tweedledee, Humpty
Dumpty, Gryphon.

Much credit is due to Mr. Garnet Holme, the producer, and Mrs. Easton, manager, who worked unceasingly toward the successful presentation of this beautiful fairy story. Mr. Fred Carlyle was the musical director.

The dances were a most attractive feature of the program. Miss Frances Dougherty had charge of this portion of the play.

Miss Lulu Blumberg, the treasurer, reports that the advance sale of seats for "Alice in Wonderland" presages well-filled houses for the "Children's Theater" during the coming month.

The play will be presented every Thursday and Friday afternoon during March, at 3:30 o'clock, at the Knights of Columbus Auditorium, 150 Golden Gate avenue. There will be a special matinee performance on Saturday, March 13th, at 2:30 p. m.

Tickets for children at 10 cents, for adults 25 and 50 cents. Blocks of not less than 30 seats for parties of children will be reserved. For \$3 thirty children may be made happy!

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports the following memberships for February, 1915:

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Board of Education Adopts Elaborate Recreation Plans

(Knowing of the active interest of a large majority of the members of the Recreation League in Mr. De Groot's plans for broadening the scope of the recreation work of the School Department and the brief accounts that the daily papers have been able to give of these plans, they are published here rather fully, being taken almost word for word from Mr. De Groot's recommendations to the Board of Education, recently adopted by that body.—Ed.)

At a meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 2nd, 1915, plans and recommendations of Mr. De Groot for the handling of all matters pertaining to physical education, school athletics, public lectures and social centers were adopted. The plans adopted have for their main purpose the orderly, consecutive and thorough treatment of physical education as a subject in the school program and the direction of certain after-school activities, among both children and adults, promoted by the Board of Education. Excerpts from the plans adopted are given below, together with brief explanatory statements.

To insure orderly and consecutive handling of matters referred to above, there has been established a "Department of Physical Education, Athletics, Social and Lecture Centers."

The head of the department has been given the title of "Director of the Department of Physical Education, Athletics, Social and Lecture Centers."

The duties and responsibilities of the head of the department will be: "To give general direction and supervision to the work of the entire department and to all workers therein; outline suitable courses of physical education for the various schools and grades; formulate and enforce rules, regulations and methods in school athletics; organize, guide and direct social and lecture center developments; call and conduct meetings, study courses and institutes among workers in the department; take charge of planning and equipping gymnasiums, playgrounds and social centers; check all requisitions for supplies, tools and implements called for and distributed among workers in the department; maintain an inventory of all tools and implements entrusted to the department; represent the department and the Board of Education in all matters outlined herein; render regular and special reports to the Board; respond to any service imposed by the Board of Education."

Aids to the head of the department have been provided for as follows:

"One Supervisor (man) of Athletics, Play and Achievement in Elementary Schools." Mr. Eustace M. Peixotto has been appointed to fill this position.

"One Special Instructor (man) in Physical Training Work." Mr. George S. Miehling will fill this position.

"Four District Supervisors (women) of Physical Education in Elementary Schools." These women will not be appointed at this time, but will be secured in time for full service at the beginning of the new school years.

The work of the department will be divided into three divisions, as follows:

1. "Division of Physical Education, Athletics, Play and Achievement in Elementary Schools."

2. "Division of Physical Education, Play and Athletics in High Schools."

3. "Division of Social and Lecture Centers."

The work of the first division will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Peixotto and the four women Supervisors of Physical Education. The work of the second and third divisions will be under the direct supervision of Mr. De Groot. The work at local points, i. e., High Schools, Social Centers, Lecture Centers and the Play and Achievement Work at Elementary Schools, will be placed, for the most part, in the hands of principals and teachers who are willing to serve after regular school hours for extra compensation. Details of the organization of the various divisions follow:

DIVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ATHLETICS, PLAY AND ACHIEVEMENT.

This division represents a logical grouping of subjects and activities related to all schools below the high schools. For convenience and efficiency in operation and supervision, all schools have been grouped in four geographical divisions of the city. The four women District Supervisors of Physical Education in Elementary Schools will supervise the work of physical education treated as a subject in the regular school program. They will guide the principal and regular teacher in carrying out the prescribed course of physical education and will establish each in her respective district a free, voluntary, after-school training course for teachers. The course will be principally a practice course in gymnastics, folk dancing, school-room and school-yard methods. (The course will also aim to improve the health of all teachers who participate.) This woman will also supervise the social dancing and girls' gymnastics conducted in social centers in her respective division.

The Supervisor of Athletics, Play and Achievement will supervise the work of the "Play and Achievement Leaders" and the work of the "Athletic Leaders." He will conduct a training course for athletic leaders, and arrange and conduct all athletic meets and tournaments of the elementary schools.

The local workers in this division will consist of (1) "Athletic Leaders" and (2) "Playground and Achievement Leaders." One athletic leader will be assigned to each group of five schools. They will take charge, after school hours, under the direction of the Supervisor and approval of the principals of the schools involved, of organizing, coaching and preparing individuals and teams (boys only of grades 5 to 8) for competition in the meets and tournaments of the Public Schools Athletic League.

The Play and Achievement Leaders will be regular school teachers, one in each of the twenty schools selected, employed for after-school service. They will organize and lead, under the direction of the Supervisor and approval of the principal, the play of both boys and girls, in the school yard or school building, after regular school hours. They will promote, and keep the records of, the "Achievement League." The words "Play" and "Achievement" here represent a scheme of credits and honors to be given for the mastery of certain good games, and for the performance of work in connection with the home; for superior rank in school, and for social, mechanical and industrial accomplishments. The central idea is to give encouragement and educational direction to the leisure time of the child and to include not only boys who are eligible for athletic competition, but girls and boys of all ages and conditions.

DIVISION OF HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PLAY AND ATHLETICS.

The high schools will be regarded as a logical group to be treated apart from the type of operation proposed for the lower schools. The supervision of physical education, play and athletics in the high schools will come directly under the head of the department, with one man or one woman (or both) in charge of the activities in each school. The person engaged in each school may be either one of the regular high school teachers or a specialist, according to the conditions to be met in each school.

DIVISION OF SOCIAL AND LECTURE CENTERS.

This division represents a logical grouping of activities related to the use of school buildings at night. Certain school buildings will be used as lecture centers and certain other schools as social centers. Both the lecture and social centers will be supervised by the head of the department and the principal or a teacher will be placed in direct charge of each of the lecture and social centers. Lecture centers will be operated two nights each month and the social centers, in most cases, five nights each week. When the social center work seems too heavy for teacher or principal, persons from outside of the school system may be employed to take charge.

The activities of each social center will be determined to a large extent by the physical facilities at hand and the character of the neighborhood involved. In general it is proposed that our social center program aims to establish the following:

- (1) Community singing.
- (2) Hand work exchange.
- (3) Civic forum.

(4) Recreational activities — dancing, dramatics, gymnastics, etc., according to facilities at hand.

The lecture center will aim to present to the neighborhood people, twice each month, a lecture from one of the following groups:

(1) A group of lectures dealing with the business and industrial life, opportunities and possibilities of San Francisco.

(2) A group of lectures dealing with the structure and operation of government — town, city, county, state and federal.

(3) A group of lectures dealing with health, individual and community.

(4) A group of lectures dealing with science, literature and travel.

The program and leadership of the various activities of the social center will be secured, as far as possible, out of the community. The more the social center is one of self-expression on the part of the community, the better. Special workers, however, will be employed to lead special activities. Lecturers for the lecture centers will, in most cases, be secured without pay.

Columbia Park Boys' Track Meet.

The Columbia Park Boys' Club will hold its fourteenth regular track and field meet at Jackson Playground, Sunday afternoon, March 21st. In order to encourage competition, Headworker Charles F. Norton has arranged for nine weight classes, varying by 10 pounds each, from 60 pounds up to 130 pounds. There will be sprints and jumping events for all classes, and those from 100 pounds up will have a full list of events. At least 250 boys are expected to enter. On account of the number of events and entrants, the field events will be started promptly at noon.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

EDITED BY RAY DAUGHERTY

GREATEST BASKETBALL SEASON IS BROUGHT TO A CONCLUSION

If the remainder of the year 1915 lives up to the predictions of athletic prophets as notably as it has already done in the initial sport of the season—basketball—it will set a record good for many years to come. The Public Schools Athletic League set the ball rolling with a record-breaking list of entries in its 1914-1915 tournament. Fifty-eight teams participated in three different weight classes, 95 pounds, 110 pounds and 125 pounds. Next came the formation of the Bay Cities Basketball Referees' Association, comprising in its membership all the referees of ability around the bay.

The San Francisco Athletic League also started out on its independent career in time for the Exposition year and has already demonstrated the fact that its separation from the Academic Athletic League was a step in the right direction. It has followed the lead of the Public Schools Athletic League by introducing the weight system into basketball competitions, now conducting its annual tournament in three weight classes—100 pounds, 120 pounds and unlimited. This gives the younger and lighter boys in the high schools an opportunity to play which they would otherwise lack, and has resulted in a gratifyingly large increase in the number of entrants.

The Inter-Collegiate Basketball Tournament has met with more than its usual measure of success this season.

The Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union handled its own games this year, increasing the number of districts in which preliminary games were held to eleven.

The Boys' Club Athletic League also resumed activity in basketball and has a membership of nine of the leading boys' organizations in the city.

All this activity in the basketball world received its fitting climax in the series of games held at the Olympic Club for the national championship. This was the first year in which these games were held on the Pacific Coast, and a greater number of teams from a wider area were entered than ever before. The tournament produced a number of remarkably fine games, and interest reached an exceptionally high mark.

Results of Basketball Tournaments. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

Play in the 1914-1915 Tournament of the Public Schools Athletic League resulted in giving the following teams the championship of the city:

- 95-pound class, Washington.
- 110-pound class, Yerba Buena.
- 125-pound class, Washington.

Contests for the district championships gave the following teams an opportunity to play for the city title:

- 95-lb. Class.
 - 1st District, Washington.
 - 2d District, Frank McCoppin.
 - 3d District, Mission.
 - 4th District, Fairmount.

- 110-lb. Class.
 - 1st District, Yerba Buena.
 - 2d District, Roosevelt.
 - 3d District, Columbia.
 - 4th District, Bay View.

125-lb. Class.

- 1st District, Washington.
- 2d District, Fremont.
- 3d District, Mission.
- 4th District, I. M. Scott.

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT.

The winners of the 1915 Tournament of the Pacific Association are as follows:

- 110-lb Class, San Francisco Boys' Club.
- 120-lb Class, Cardinals.
- 130-lb Class, North Beach Playground.
- 145-lb. Class, University of California.
- Unlimited Class, Olympic Club.

INTER-COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT.

The championship team of the Inter-Collegiate Tournament proved to be the University of California.

PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION TOURNAMENT.

Entrants: Olympic Club No. 1, Olympic Club No. 2, St. Mary's College, Illinois Athletic Club, Mt. Angell (Oregon), Whittier College (Los Angeles), Los Angeles Y. M. C. A., St. Ignatius College, University of California.

Winner: Olympic Club No. 1.

De Groot Welcomed by P. S. A. L.

The February meeting of the Public Schools Athletic League was notable for the enthusiasm displayed and the evidence given that a very prosperous year was foreshadowed for all branches of athletics in which the League is interested. Mayor Rolph was represented at the meeting by Secretary Edward Rainey; E. B. De Groot was present as a guest of the League, and practically the entire membership of the Board was in attendance. Secretary Rainey and President Geo. E. Gallagher of the Board of Education welcomed Mr. De Groot to his work in the recreational department of San Francisco. He responded with an inspiring talk on the splendid possibilities for work ahead of the League. J. J. McGovern outlined the athletic work planned by Exposition officials for the school boys of the country. A committee was appointed as follows to confer with Mr. De Groot on the expenditure of funds for athletics in the schools: Messrs. E. M. Peixotto, Jos. R. Hickey, Thos. F. Boyle, Wm. Unmack, Al Kaschinski.

PRAYGROUND NOTES.

The playgrounds of San Francisco have been responsible for the development of a number of championship basketball teams during the past few years, as well as many baseball and other teams which have taken high rank in their respective branches of sport.

The North Beach Playground team was successful this year for the third time within four seasons in securing a championship trophy in the Pacific Association tournament.

The Cardinals, the winning team in the 120-pound class of the Pacific Association tournament, was originally developed upon the Southside Playgrounds.

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Mr. Edward Penaluna, Director of Excelsior Playgrounds, was chosen arbiter of the Panama-Pacific National Championship Basketball Tournament, and received many encomiums upon the high class of service he rendered.

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The California School of Mechanical Arts (Lick High School) will hold its semi-annual inter-class track meet on the track of Jackson Playgrounds on the 17th of March. For the first time in the history of the school medals will be awarded.

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The baseball season on playgrounds will soon be in full swing. The Interclub Baseball League has started its schedule of games, playing on both sides of the bay and in San Mateo County, and indications are many that the season will be a prosperous one for the League. The League of the Cross Cadets will also start its schedule of games in the near future.

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PLAYGROUND COMMISSION IN WANT OF MORE FUNDS.

Districts Need More Facilities.

By JOE R. HICKEY,

Superintendent of Playgrounds.

The Playground Commission has submitted to the Board of Supervisors a budget of estimated expenditures for the ensuing year, 1915-16, incorporating a total sum of \$98,486. This is in excess of the present appropriation by \$27,411, the original budget calling for \$66,075 which was later increased by the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors in an additional allowance of \$5,000 for the improvement of Hamilton Playground. The members of the Playground Commission have been in conference with the finance committee relative to the various items of the budget and announcement as to the amount of money at the disposal of the department will only be forthcoming in the finance committee's report to the Board of Supervisors.

With the exception of completing the public baths on the site of the old Marshall School in Nineteenth street, the improvement of the Eighteenth-avenue site in Richmond and the possible development of the site of the former California Women's Hospital in Sacramento street near Lyon, the plans of the Playground Commission are restricted to the maintenance and operation of the existing plant. No provision has been made in the budget for the purchase of additional property for playgrounds although the Playground Commission is fully informed as to the urgent need of playgrounds in various sections of the city. It is the opinion of the Playground Commission that funds for the securing of new playgrounds should be appropriated separately from the cost of maintenance and operation of the present system.

In the beginning the activities of the Playground Commission had their inception through the purchase of properties in the North Beach and south of Market street districts from funds voted in the special bond issue of 1904. Since that time, however, the extensions of the department have accrued in the transfer of lands from the Park Commission, as in the instance of the Jackson and Hamilton playgrounds. It is still possible to add to the playground system in this manner although some of the unimproved sites of the Park Commission are in the least desirable sections for playgrounds. There are, however, one or two public squares now operated by the Park Commission, which if reconstructed, as in the case of Hamilton Square, would meet the situation in so far as answering the demand for playgrounds.

The purchase of the Excelsior playground site by the Board of Supervisors in 1910 has been the only direct step towards increasing the scope of this department. An approval by the Board of Supervisors of the 1915-16 budget submitted by the Playground Commission will allow the development of several small playgrounds on sites of unused school property and other abandoned areas no longer required for their original purpose.

In the Mission, Bay View, University

REMEMBER THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RECREATION LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the Recreation League of San Francisco will be held Tuesday evening, April 20th, at the headquarters of the S. F. Civic Center, 220 Post street. All members of the League and delegates from affiliated organizations are expected to be present.

Mr. Charles De Y. Elkus, Chairman of the Legislative Section, will present a revised constitution which his committee has been working on for many weeks past. All the chairmen of sections and committees will be present to report upon the year's work and in every case there will be much to report.

The Nominating Committee, of which Mr. Charles Raas is chairman, will make its report and the election of officers will take place.

Mrs. E. L. Baldwin, Chairman of the Program and Reception Committee, is making special arrangements to have a speaker of note present at the annual meeting to address the delegates and members. **REMEMBER THE ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 20TH, 220 POST STREET.**

Mound and Noe Valley districts there is a crying need for extensive athletic fields and playgrounds. These locations are thickly settled but the Playground Commission cannot relieve the situation if the budget appropriation is confined to the cost of operating and maintaining the present plant.

The Playground Commission recently proposed an amendment to the charter, calling for a special tax of two cents, which was withdrawn before the election. It was estimated that a fund of \$108,000 would be forthcoming as a result of this tax and that the cost of a new playground site in one of the districts mentioned could be included in this total. There are opportunities at this time which will not be available in a few years and the Playground Commission is hopeful that the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors in the next budget will provide for additions as outlined.

Interest in National Congress.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the National Congress on Recreation to be held in San Francisco, July 5 to 10, in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Several superintendents of important cities have already signified their intention of being present, among them being Mr. J. R. Richards of the South Park System, Chicago; Mr. Edgar S. Martin, Superintendent of Playgrounds, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Myron A. Kesner, Superintendent of Playgrounds, Dallas, Texas, and Mr. C. B. Raitt, Superintendent of Playgrounds of Los Angeles.

RIP VAN WINKLE TO WAKE ON TOP OF TAMALPAIS.

Mountain Play on May 23rd.

Great interest is being manifested in the mountain play this year to be given Sunday, May 23rd, at 2 p. m. at the Mountain Theater, at Rock Springs on Mount Tamalpais. The Mountain Play Association has done well in its selection of "Rip Van Winkle" for the 1915 production. Both time and money are being expended to outdo all previous mountain plays.

No other city in the world has so unique a celebration, for no other city in the world has Mt. Tamalpais. San Francisco alone is able to present this remarkable spectacle and she is proud of her exclusive opportunity.

The growing popularity and attendance at the plays above the clouds show that the mountain play is destined to be one of the most romantic and charming festivals of the Golden West.

The theater itself is unequalled in its scenery and adaptability to such a purpose.

The audience is seated on the slopes of an immense natural amphitheater, so formed that 10,000 can see and hear in comfort; a beautiful grove of pines shelter them from the ocean breezes.

The stage is a level plot of grass which is backed by a gently rising rocky knoll.

Delightful and convenient as the stage and auditorium are, they are quickly forgotten in the great panorama which forms the "background" before which the players act.

The Golden Gate, the bay with its islands, the mighty city of San Francisco, the Pacific Ocean and the distant chains of mountains form this unforgettable picture.

It is wonderful, it cannot be described, this pageant above the clouds. The mountain side is crowded with happy folk, and bright music welcomes them to the theater.

Last year the morning opened in the city cold and foggy, on the mountain top the Hindu drama "Shakuntala" was presented above the clouds in glorious summer weather.

To miss the mountain festival on May 23rd is to miss the opportunity of seeing California at its best and most characteristic moment.

The Recreation League for two years past has been the home of the Mountain Play Association, and Mr. Garnet Holme of our Pageant Committee, and Mrs. D. E. F. Easton, Chairman of our Drama Section, are the moving spirits along with Mr. John C. Catlin, a member of the Recreation League.

To Preserve Schoolyard.

Colonel Charles H. Murphy, of the High School of Commerce, has requested the co-operation of the Recreation League in preserving the grounds about the school for playground purposes. Chairman I. Beck of our Parks and Playgrounds Section is in touch with the matter and co-operating with the school authorities.

At the recent election the voters defeated a proposition to exchange a portion of this block for 45 acres of the Sutro property adjacent to Lincoln Park. Now an effort is being made to get the city to lease this same portion of the block to private individuals for business purposes.

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

THE controversy over the disposition of the block of land adjacent to the High School of Commerce reveals a state of misunderstanding on the part of a considerable portion of this community on the subject of what a school yard should properly be, a state of misunderstanding which is perhaps responsible for the fact that San Francisco has the smallest school yards of any city in this country, with the possible exception of New York. We are wont to think of London as a vilely crowded city and yet London some fifteen years ago passed a law that in future all schools must be built with at least thirty square feet of play space per child surrounding it. A school has been occupied within the last two months in San Francisco in which the play area is 13.9 square feet per child. We have many schools in San Francisco with less than 15 square feet per child.

Generally speaking, in this country 30 square feet is considered far too small by educational authorities and the standard of 100 square feet has been set as a minimum. This sounds like a considerable amount of room for each child, but when we remember that it represents an area of only 10 feet by 10 feet it is not a great space when one thinks of active games. Take some of our commoner games; basket ball requires an area of 400 square feet per player; tennis 1000 square feet per player; handball about 200 square feet per player, and baseball in its regular form 3472 square feet, while in its "playground" form, or, in other words, played with a soft ball, it needs 1000 square feet per player.

We rise to applaud every time some one says that our system of athletics is wrong when thousands on the bleachers watch a few skilled players. But how are we going to develop athletics among the many in our schools if we have no place for them to play? We may have the best ideals and the best program in the world and yet be unable to carry it out.

If the entire block bounded by Van Ness avenue, Hayes, Franklin and Fell streets is given over to the High School of Commerce, the total play area available will be only 66 sq. ft. per pupil in the school, and this for high school boys and girls who naturally require more space than their younger brothers and sisters. Does this

seem like an outrageous request? Because our schools have been inadequately provided for, is that any reason that they should continue to be so? Is it not about time that we stopped constructing tenement house schools?

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THE present number will be the last regular issue of "Recreation" for this year of the league's work. The May issue will be the "Annual Number," containing the annual report of the League. This number will complete Volume II. The publication will resume its issue in August.

MARCH MEETINGS.

March 1—S. F. A. L.	
March 4—Monthly Luncheon Hale's Pompeian Court	12:30 p. m.
March 5—Recreation Congress	3:00 p. m.
March 8—Mountain Play	2:00 p. m.
March 8—Dance Hall	4:30 p. m.
March 8—Social Workers	8:00 p. m.
March 10—P. A. A.	7:30 p. m.
March 12—Social Center Section Drama League	4:00 p. m.
March 15—S. F. A. L.	4:00 p. m.
March 17—P. A. A.	8:00 p. m.
March 18—Boys' Section P. A. A. Board of Management Girls' Section	10:00 a. m. 8:00 p. m. 4:30 p. m.
March 23—P. P. I. E. High School Athletic Committee	4:30 p. m.
March 25—Regular meeting of the Executive Council of the Recreation League	4:30 p. m.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Cutler Paige reports the following memberships for the month of March:

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Adolf Koshland.
I. P. Muhlnher.

Columbia Park Boys Plan Camps.

Three camps will be undertaken by the Columbia Park Boys' Club this summer. Major Sidney S. Peixotto, President of the Club, will camp with a number of the older boys of the band near Rio Nido on the Russian River for about a month, after which the boys will return to San Francisco to compete in the band contests at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The first band of the Club will enter in the open competition for amateur bands and the second band in the competition for boys' bands.

George A. Schlitter, physical director of the Club, will head a walking party of forty-odd on a six or seven weeks' hike to Santa Barbara, taking with him the boys who comprise the third band of the Club.

Charles F. Norton, the headworker, will have charge of the "State of Columbia," the summer government camp, in which about 100 of the younger members of the Club will spend four or five weeks. This camp will be located either at Monterey or Carmel-by-the-Sea.

BOY SCOUT REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS TO BOYS' SECTION.

Tells of Plans for Pacific Coast.

By HARRY N. TIEDEMANN.

At the March monthly meeting of the Boys' Section Mr. H. D. Cross, of Los Angeles, recently appointed Field Scout Commissioner for the Pacific Coast, addressed the Section, coming from Los Angeles especially for this purpose. Mr. Cross outlined the circumstances under which he accepted the post, after a visit to the national headquarters in New York. He was told there "to place the Pacific Coast on the map," as there are comparatively few boy scouts in this section.

Speaking of the interest in the movement, he stated that he had received 39 letters in a single month regarding the organization of patrols. While he had encountered many difficulties in Los Angeles, where he has centralized his first efforts, he found that there were a large number of registered scout troops there. When he had made known his plans and made a plea for active support there, only 1 out of 101 persons had turned down his request. At present for Los Angeles work, he had organized a council of 71, with 29 additional advisory members. Mr. Dan Pollard, formerly in charge of the work in Chicago, has been appointed local executive and a fund of \$5000 raised to carry on the work of the first year.

Regarding the development of the work on the Pacific Coast generally, he thought the movement would work itself out chiefly as a supplementary activity to other lines of work, playgrounds, churches, Y. M. C. A., boys' clubs, etc.

He stated that his plans were to spend an additional three months in Southern California and then endeavor to spread the work in the rest of the territory, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Idaho.

He had found some few people in boys' work not in sympathy with the movement. Studying the matter he had found they were chiefly those who were swept in with the early rush of the movement and had had disappointing experiences. He thought their experiences in the pioneer days of the Scout movement had led them to mistake its real character. Summing up all his experiences he concluded the whole situation was a matter of leadership. The boys were there and they wanted the work, but the serious question was to find the leaders.

W. S. Wollner, former scout leader in San Francisco, outlined the stormy career of the local scout movement during the last few years. He said that he believed the scout movement in San Francisco had "got off on the wrong foot." The lack of enthusiasm he attributed to its having been started as a mass movement, for show, and with no attempt at small patrols and efficient leaders. He thought the movement should be started in a small way and suggested the playground, for instance, as a center. He said that there never was any lack of boys, or any lack of interest on the part of the boys, but that the movement did lack leaders and money.

The Section took no action following a general discussion of these talks, but the general sentiment was that while the Section and its members as individuals would help as much as they could to promote the movement generally, the burden of actual leadership should fall upon a new group, not on those already up to their eyes in boys' work. Mr. Cross expressed himself as being thoroughly in accord with this attitude.

Girls' Conference Gives Ideas and Inspiration

On Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20, the first conference of the girls' workers of the bay region was held under the auspices of the Girls' Section of the Recreation League. This is the first attempt to bring together the workers among girls in this way, and the beginning was certainly crowned with success, thanks largely to the untiring work of the Conference Committee, Mrs. Schlesinger and Mrs. Jordan.

The first session was held in the auditorium of the new Girls' High School, with Mrs. Schlesinger presiding. After a word of welcome from President Jesse W. Lilienthal, Dr. Jessica Peixotto, of the Department of Economics of the University of California, spoke on the question of "Leisure and the Girl." That the subject aroused the deepest interest was proven by the discussion which followed. The question which Dr. Peixotto left with us, as to what we were really trying to help our girls to become, and how they were to find their real place in this very strange and new social structure which is forming round us these days, was one, which resulted at the end of conference in the appointment of a committee to study more deeply into its answers. Following Dr. Peixotto, James Edward Rogers, of the Recreation League and the State Recreation Commission, spoke on the problem of "General Public Commercialized Amusements," followed most appropriately by Mr. Orrin G. Cocks, of the National Board of Censors of Moving Pictures.

The second session was called to order in Room 1 of the Hotel St. Francis on the following morning by Miss Martha A. Chickering, Chairman of the Girls' Section. The plan of the conference was that Friday evening should be given to the problems of recreation in the large, looking at the more general aspects, while on Saturday morning the conference should take up more personal and local questions, spending time on the details which perplex every worker in the thick of the battle.

So the program on Saturday morning included Miss S. E. Hagelthorne, who has charge of recreation in the schools under the Oakland Board of Education; Miss Alice Moore, Field Secretary of Girls' Work of the Y. W. C. A., who has had a very rich experience in club work of all kinds, and Mrs. William Palmer Lucas, who could speak to us from wide experience in settlement work.

The points of view of the speakers were widely different, but the impression left in the minds of the delegates at the close of the morning session was one of remarkable unity. The importance of the individual girl, even the individual girl who has "gone wrong," and seems pretty hopeless material to build with—and the great necessity of giving girls something within themselves to help them to stand up in the face of overwhelming temptation—a "God-consciousness," Miss Moore called it—were both stressed. A report given by Miss Von Hagen of the Oakland Playground Department in the course of the discussion, outlining the unusual club work they are doing on that side of the bay with all the careful attention to the preferences of different types of girls, was an inspiration to those of us who are working through clubs.

None of us will soon forget Mrs. Barrett, of the National Florence Crittenden Homes, with her glowing enthusiasm for the tremendous possibilities wrapped up in "her girls." "The greatest difficulty we have,"—this was about the way she put it—"is to get superintendents for our homes who are the equals of our girls in intelligence." Her advice was that, in planning new recreation, we should not scorn the suggestions of those who had gone down on the slippery and uncertain footing that our present forms of "having a good time" offer. Mrs. Lucas put the crowning touch to the morning in her talk on "The Spiritual Aspects of Recreation" with her plea that recreation be not limited to the active and strenuous in our minds, but that we remember that just "doing nothing"—being still and growing in quietness is one way for girls to have a good time, and a way which we should keep open to them.

So often a conference has to close with everything still "in the air," with many questions raised, and so very little of definite plan to answer them. So, when Mr. E. B. De Groot gladly consented to be the speaker at the luncheon, and gather up the loose threads left floating in the breezes of conference discussion for us, we considered rightly that we were very fortunate. In his splendid outline of what a city should do, and best of all, *could* do and has been known to do in part without bankrupting itself, he gave us a confidence that our strivings are not in vain, and that wholesome playtimes and play places for our young people are almost in sight.

With the luncheon the conference closed, but not until the Committee on Resolutions, with Miss Emma Noman as chairman, had reported. They recommended,

(1) That the conference be an annual affair,

(2) That the chairman appoint two committees to report at the next conference, one on the question of "the girl of leisure," and the other on the "girl who works," both studied from the point of view of the recreation problem and what each has to contribute thereto,

(3) That delegates become members of the Girls' Section, and finally reported that the conference had endorsed the plan to use school houses as social centers.

The chairmen of the two committees were appointed before the meeting adjourned, Dr. Jessica Peixotto to be chairman of the committee on the girl of leisure, and Miss Hagelthorne on the employed girl.

There are always some things that might have been better about a conference, and in this case we all regretted that there was not more time for discussion, but on the whole, it was one which one of the delegates summed up when she said that it gave her "not only new ideas, but a determination to put renewed effort into her work." One contribution made was the collecting of the names and addresses of all agencies for girls' work in San Francisco, and the printing of this information on the back of the program. The very difficulty of getting the list complete is proof of its value, and the League will be glad to supply information on this subject now to any one inquiring.

MARTHA A. CHICKERING.

You are interested in the work of the Recreation League, are you not? Are you a member? Are you giving it your full support?

TEACHERS ENDORSE PLAY IN THE SCHOOL YARDS.

Convention Urges Larger Sites.

At the recent meeting of the California Teachers' Association the following resolutions in regard to play were passed on recommendation of the Physical Training and Recreation Section:

Whereas, Physical training and play are necessary to the proper growth and development of school children; and,

Whereas, Supervised play has been found to produce the same good results as supervised study; and,

Whereas, Land values in all school districts are soaring annually at an alarming rate, and the condition now obtains where a large percentage of schools are without physical training facilities or adequate yards for play; be it

Resolved, That the California Teachers' Association urge Boards of Education to supply all school buildings with as much land as possible (100 square feet to each pupil is little enough), to the end that each school plant may be provided, for all time, with sufficient daylight, natural ventilation, needed isolation and an adequate place for free and supervised play.

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AMATEUR ATHLETICS

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THE winter of discontent for the aspiring outdoor youthful athlete has ended, and more evidences than budding flowers are at hand to prove the onset of spring. The reign of basketball, handball, wrestling and other indoor sports is over, and in their stead rules King Baseball, assisted by his Prime Minister Cinders Mercury. For a time the Queen of the May will also hold joint sovereignty, lightening an else too robust regime with gentle games and dances.

Public Schools Indoor Meet.

Despite appearances, the third annual championship indoor track meet of the Public Schools Athletic League was more than a harbinger of spring. It was an actual preparation for some remarkably interesting athletic events for school boys, which will be held during the coming summer. The funds obtained from the indoor meet will be used for the entertainment of visiting school boys who will be in San Francisco to compete in the national public school championships next July, and to equip local competitors for the meet.

The meet was held in the new Civic Auditorium and was characterized by all the enthusiasm remembered as a feature of previous meets of the Public Schools Athletic League held in the Auditorium at Page and Fillmore streets. Over 800 boys engaged in the sprints, distance races and relay events comprising the evening's program. The addition of a number of high-school relay events proved a feature of great interest, as also was the parade of athletes, headed by the Columbia Park Boys' Club Band, around the floor of the Auditorium.

Mayor Rolph was present and members of the Board of Education and directors of the Public Schools Athletic League acted as officials, assisted by a large corps of able bodied young men. The events were run as rapidly as possible, but the great number of entrants necessitated many heats, which made the meet an exceptionally long one for the Public Schools League.

A number of schools were bunched so closely that there was little to choose between them, and the winner of the meet was decided only by the final events of the evening. Fremont finally emerged on top, with Crocker, John Swett and Fairmont following closely in the order named. The high-school unlimited relay event was won by the High School of Commerce, the 120-pound relay by Lowell, and the 100-pound relay by the High School of Commerce.

Exposition Stadium Opened.

Shortly after provision was thus made for their appearance in the national school championships, came the official opening of the athletic field and stadium of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, where most of the important athletic events of 1915 will occur. The date of the official opening was April 9th, and a perfect day gave a fine setting for the ceremonies incident to this important event. A parade consisting of Exposition guards, the official band, officials of the athletic meet, competitors in athletic costume, and the Columbia Park Boys' Club band, was followed by the dedicatory exercises. Then came the preliminary events in the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Track and Field

Meet. Almost 300 athletes, representing thirty-nine high schools on the Pacific Coast, were entered in the meet.

Baseball in Schools.

The baseball tournament of the Public Schools Athletic League for 1915 will open shortly and prospects are bright for a prosperous season among the school boys in the national pastime. As heretofore, the tournament will be conducted in two weight divisions, 95 pounds and unlimited, and games will be played on the various municipal playgrounds.

The seventh annual championship outdoor track meet of the Public Schools Athletic League will be held at the Exposition stadium on May 1st and 3d.

The fifth annual novice track meet of the League will take place on May 22d at the Golden Gate Park stadium.

Boys' Club League Meet.

The initial track and field meet of the San Francisco Boys' Club Athletic League will be held on April 17th at the Golden Gate Park stadium. Eleven clubs are represented and over 150 boys have entered in the various events. The meet will be conducted in four weight divisions—90 pounds, 110 pounds, 120 pounds and unlimited. The competing organizations will include the Y. M. C. A., Y. M. H. A., Columbia Park Boys' Club, Wesley Club, California Boys' Club, Cathedral Mission, Telegraph Hill Boys' Club, Pacific Hebrew Orphanage, People's Place, Olympic Club Juniors, San Francisco Boys' Club.

Boys' League Basketball.

The last of the many basketball tournaments of the 1914-15 season has been concluded. The San Francisco Boys' Club Athletic League tournament resulted in the following teams winning the championship: 90-pound class, Columbia Park Boys' Club; 110-pound class, Telegraph Hill Club; 120-pound class, San Francisco Boys' Club.

Columbia Park Boys' Club Track Meet.

On March 21st, the youthful athletes of the Columbia Park Boys' Club held a track and field meet on Jackson playground. Perfect weather helped to make these always popular meets more enjoyable. The races

were run to the accompaniment of a concert by the Municipal Band. The weight classes ranged all the way from 60 pounds up to unlimited and many of the races were closely contested.

Public Schools Athletic League Meeting.

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Public Schools Athletic League was held on April 6th. Proposed changes in the by-laws of the League were referred to a committee consisting of Edw. F. Moran, Jos. R. Hickey and E. B. De Groot, which will report at the annual meeting on April 13th. E. M. Peixotto was appointed a committee of one to purchase two trophies to be given to the high schools winning their events in the recent indoor meet at the Civic Auditorium.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to Auditor Thos. F. Boyle and to A. G. Spalding & Bros. for their kindness in donating trophies to the League.

A vote of thanks was given to the board of directors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition for their generosity in donating the use of the Civic Auditorium to the Public Schools Athletic League for their recent indoor track meet.

PLAYGROUND NOTES.

During the Easter vacation an attack en masse was made upon baseball by young and free America to the great benefit of all contestants. Many games were played between playground teams, school teams and informal groups.

On April 7th the Wilmerding School of Industrial Arts held their semi-annual track meet on Jackson Playground; the meet was well attended and was won by the '17 class.

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Plans for dances and games which will compose the annual May Festival upon San Francisco playgrounds, are well under way, and indications are that the 1915 festival will attract a greater number of children than ever before to the playgrounds. Ceremonies, ushering in the spring season, will take place upon practically all the different grounds in the city.



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BOYS LEARN FORESTRY AT RECREATION LEAGUE CAMP

BY HARRY N. TIEDEMANN,
Secretary Boys' Section and Leader of Camp

Summer has come and gone and the "pioneer camp" of the boys' section of the Recreation League has been carried to a successful conclusion during this vacation period just past.

Small in numbers, organized in haste and under peculiarly difficult circumstances, and held in a country remote from civilization, its unqualified success gives promise to its being the entering wedge in a comprehensive plan for the establishing of summer camps for boys regularly in the future.

All the wonderful experiences that come to the boy in the summer camp were given to these twenty boys in the Recreation League party. In addition, they were under the guidance of trained forest rangers during the greater part of the camp, and were given lessons in practical woodcraft such as few city boys have the opportunity to learn.

Some six weeks before the summer vacation period, the camp committee of the boys' section, of which Dr. G. H. Richardson is chairman, was approached by one of the Forest Service officials and asked if it could not organize a camp of boys to be taken on one of the National reserves, there to be placed under the partial control of the forest rangers and given a practical course of training in the work of the Forest Service. In return the Forest Service agreed to supply the camp with all its tents and equipment and to donate \$150 to enable the League to procure responsible leaders. The California National Forest Reserve in Lake County was finally selected as the site. I was selected by the members of the camp committee to organize and lead the camp. In view of the unique experience, I have since considered myself very fortunate. I was also fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Elmer E. Brown as my assistant.

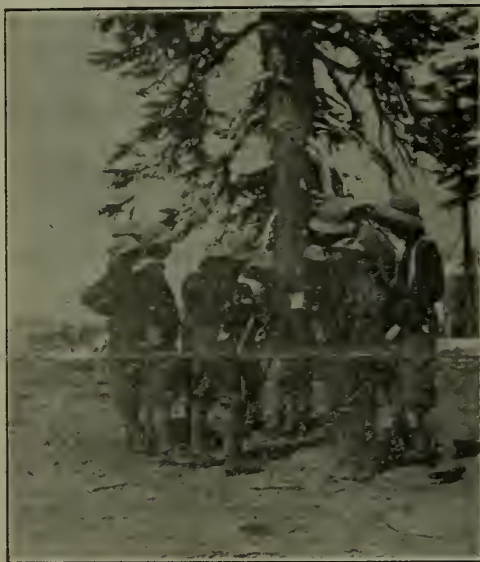
The great majority of the boys were from the San Francisco public schools in which Mr. Brown and I had been conducting athletic activities during the term. We were thus in personal touch with them, and as for the boys, the work itself was a continuation of their athletic activities. The ages ranged from 12 to 18 years. The party was made up of twenty boys, Mr. Brown and myself.

After a conference with Mr. Eustace M. Peixotto, chairman of the boys' section, \$15.50 was finally fixed as the rate to each boy, this to include railroad fare, uniform and food for a month.

The party of twenty boys left on Friday morning, June 15, by rail to Ukiah. Three days of steady hiking over mountainous roads and through upper Lake brought us to the permanent camp on Bear Creek, the south fork of the Eel River, some fifty-eight miles from Ukiah. After but one day of rest, there followed five days of constant hiking, during which time the forest ranger in charge, Mr. Mace, demonstrated to the boys heliographing, packing and methods of controlling a forest fire.

These were eight days calculated to try

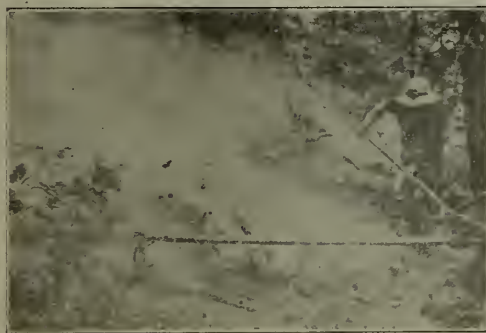
the souls of every one in the party. It was the "breaking in" period, when muscles are sore and feet are blistered. It was also the period when those of the party who were not "game" came quickly to the surface. During these eight days the party, only a few of whom were over 14, covered some 110 miles. This was



Learning to Make Maps on Top of Snow Mountain—Recreation League Boys' Camp.

over the roughest, hottest kind of roads, and included a climb to the top of the 9,000-foot Snow Mountain, and a fight to control a forest fire a mile long and 200 yards wide.

At the end of this period the party re-



Learning to Fight Forest Fires—Recreation League Boys' Camp.

turned to Bear Creek and settled down in the permanent camp. Several days were devoted to rest and permanent organization, and two ideas were here introduced which worked a revolution in bringing interest and efficiency into the camp work.

The boys were divided into three crews, which rotated in order in cooking, dishwashing and inspecting. Each crew was given 1,000 points to start, and a point deducted for every violation of certain rules and slipshod work around camp. Small prizes of different value were offered, and the improvement in dishwashing, tent and camp appearance easily justified the expenditure.

Still another set of prizes was offered for the best piece of rustic fencing constructed. Each crew was given eighty feet, or one of three sides of a square. Outside of the foundation, they were allowed to use their own judgment in decoration and arrangement. The rivalry, the amount of work and the ingenuity displayed by each of the three crews in this race was simply amazing.

At this point Mr. Mace left us and was replaced for a week by Mr. C. S. Strothman, another forest ranger, who combined a wonderful knowledge of camp and outdoor life with rare ability to teach it to the boys. There followed daily walks, during which Mr. Strothman would explain the methods of recognizing the different trees and shrubs, how to get the height and the age of a tree. Every boy was required to plot out with the aid of a compass and sighting instrument, a topographical map of the camp and its environs. Every boy was taught to use and read a compass, to set up and use the heliograph, to pace out distances and check them by measuring. In the early evenings fishing parties were taken way up above the camp and taught how to lure the trout. One tent crew was given a lesson in making a comfortable bed of cedar boughs.

During the entire camp the commissary question was a delicate one. We were twenty-eight miles from the nearest town, Upper Lake, with no regular means of communication. Bread was unobtainable and we were obliged to make camp bread under the guidance of the forest rangers.

This and a few other deviations from what might be considered the ideal arose from the fact that the camp was organized less than three weeks before leaving town.

Since my return I have been in touch with Mr. Dubois, the district chief of the United States Forest Service. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the results from the government standpoint and willing to renew the arrangement in another year. I am confident that if an early enough start were made next season a highly organized camp of from forty to fifty boys could be taken out, and great things accomplished, now that we have accurate knowledge of the nature and possibilities of the country.

This year's camp was a successful demonstration of the fact that an excellent boys' camp can be conducted for boys of all types not belonging to any special organization. This is the problem of the boys' camp on a wide scale which the boys' camp committee of the Recreation League has set itself to solve. This experimental camp proves that it can be solved.

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From the **RECREATION** Point of View

THIS number of "Recreation" is filled with accounts of Boys' camps that have taken place during the vacation just passed. You should read these accounts, even if you are not overly interested in their details.

They breathe a spirit not only of "good times" in the open, but of valuable lessons of work, co-operation and fellowship that make them worth while.

The variety of organizations which stand sponsor for these camps must, if nothing else, attest the universality of the belief among those who work with boys in the value of boys' camps.

The Boys' Section of the Recreation League, endeavoring, as it does, to broaden that which seems best in boys' work so as to reach larger and larger numbers of boys, itself stood sponsor for a camp this year.

The direct result of its work was simply that twenty boys had a wonderful experience in a government forest reserve twenty miles from the nearest habitation, being instructed by the officers of the United States Forest Service in woodcraft of all kinds. That in itself justified the experiment.

The indirect result is that it has been proven that a group of boys can be gotten together within three weeks and taken out twenty miles from nowhere and a successful camp conducted.

The Boys' Section is going to endeavor next year to be the means of sending, either under its own auspices or under the auspices of such organizations as it may be able to stimulate (in addition to those already doing notable work), as many boys as possible for as long a period as possible into the country. To do this it needs wider assistance, both in public opinion and possibly in a financial way, than its own members alone can give it. It is to be hoped that this assistance can be obtained from the community, because the work is worth while.

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ONE of the most interesting features of the party of boys that went out under the auspices of the Boys' Section of the Recreation League this year was the fact that it was made up of the sons of some of

the best known people in San Francisco who could have sent them to an expensive resort, and some boys from the North Beach district who had to carefully husband their resources to produce the \$15 that was necessary for each boy to pay to defray the expenses. The fact that these boys lived and worked together happily and endured the incidental hardships of the trip together is what makes boys' camps of the greatest value.

It is a mistake to suppose that organized boys' camps should only be for poor boys any more than that public schools should. The boy of "good family" is apt to need camping experience as much if not more than the boy whose father does not happen to be a man of means.

One of the things all of us are apt to forget at times is that the recreation movement is not a philanthropic affair in the narrow sense, but it is a response to a universal instinct that is as much a part of the child who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth as of the child who has nought but his own thumb to teethe on.

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VERY little is said in this number about camps for girls. The reason is that there are not many to tell about. Why is this? Is it not time for the girls' organizations to become active in this matter?

JOLLY TIMES MAKE CAMP McCOY MEMORABLE

Y. M. C. A. Boys Have Military Discipline.

RAYMOND O. HANSON,
Boys' Work Director, Y. M. C. A.

Camp McCoy, conducted at Cazadero under the auspices of the local Young Men's Christian Association during the month of June, was as popular as ever, with 125 boys in attendance. The military system of discipline inaugurated last year was continued this season with excellent results.

A country circus comprised one of the main features of the camp program, and was attended by nearly five hundred people from neighboring camps, in addition to a trainload of parents and friends who went up from San Francisco. One day was given over to an athletic and aquatic meet, and honors were won by a number of the city's leading athletes.

The boys made a two-day hike to Guerneville and camped on the beach over night. A haunted house was also discovered in the mountains, and a visit at midnight made the occasion one long to be remembered.

The daily routine of the camp was usually as follows:

7:00 a. m.—Reveille.
7:15 a. m.—Flag raising and setting-up exercises.
7:30 a. m.—Breakfast.
8:15 a. m.—Morning devotion.
8:45 a. m.—Tents cleaned and blankets aired.
9:30 a. m.—Camp inspection.
9:45 a. m.—Athletic sports.
11:00 a. m.—Morning swim.
12:15 p. m.—Dinner.
1:00 p. m.—"Siesta."
2:00 p. m.—Games, mountain hikes, etc.
4:00 p. m.—Afternoon swim.
5:15 p. m.—"Colors."
5:30 p. m.—Supper.
8:00 p. m.—Campfire stunts.
9:15 p. m.—Evening devotion.
9:30 p. m.—"Tattoo."
9:40 p. m.—Taps.

JUNE MEETINGS

July 6—Dance Hall Section 5:00 p. m.
July 7—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.
July 9—Recreation Congress 8:00 p. m.
July 12—Lincoln Park Golf Club..... 8:00 p. m.
July 14—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.
July 28—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.

BOYS AND GIRLS SUMMER AT CAMP ST. ANDREW

Two Hundred Enjoy Opportunities.

BY REV. GEORGE MAXWELL,
Bishop's Aid for Boys

Camp St. Andrew of the Diocese of California is a co-operative, self-supporting camp for boys and girls, not alone boys and girls of the Episcopal church, but any boy or girl who wishes to join and comply with the simple rules and life that work for harmony, good cheer and play life.

The very best of food, superintendence and teaching of swimming, walks, talks, manners, etc., were given for \$3.25 per week. There were seventy-five boys during boys' camp, the first three weeks, June 12 to July 2, and seventy-six girls during girls' camp, July 3 to July 24.

The camp was under my personal charge, assisted by Mr. Richard Trelease, Mr. Gerald Locke, Mr. C. Kobe, the efficient cook, and several chaperones during the girls' camp. With the visitors and those who remained over night, there were over 200 at camp this year.

The chief attraction at most camps is the swimming. The strict rule of not allowing boys or girls beyond a certain rope, and assisting those who could not swim, worked wonderfully well this year, for many learned how to swim and to dive in deep water. A small lunch was served after swimming, at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.

The camp, as usual, was built by the boys, including the dam, diving boards and rings for the swimming pool. Spring water was piped across the creek and two good foot bridges, one large enough for a small wagon, were constructed.

We had a theater, where was given Julius Caesar, several comedies and vaudeville performances. The nightly campfire, for which the wood was all gathered by boys and girls through a game called wood-polo, was the great opportunity to bring out the talent of song, joke and story. There is no influence more helpful than a good campfire. Every evening closed with a few words of advice and then all standing, we sang the St. Andrew hymn, and kneeling said the Lord's Prayer, the Collect for St. Andrew and the Grace. Before each meal we sang the Jerusalem Grace, words used by the American colony in Jerusalem. Every Sunday a short service and talk was given in the camp chapel.

The director of camp allowed certain helpful boys who needed a longer vacation, or could not come because of their work, to remain for the girls' camp. This privilege is sought for eagerly, and is accepted by the boys as an honor.

The most of us slept out in the open all of the six weeks. Tents were up and ready for any rain, but seldom used. The camp has grown larger every year, through its own advertising; old campers telling others and each coming because he or she chose to come. The reunion, with a banquet, speeches, dancing and a good time, will be held at St. Andrew's Inn, a home for school and working boys, 2840 Twenty-fifth street, in the near future.

JUNE MEETINGS

June 1—Mountain Play 4:00 p. m.
June 2—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.
June 3—Girls' Section 4:00 p. m.
June 7—Lincoln Park Golf Club..... 8:00 p. m.
June 9—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.
June 11—Drama League 2:00 p. m.
June 11—Mountain Play 4:00 p. m.
June 15—Mountain Play 4:00 p. m.
June 16—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.
June 22—Mountain Play 3:30 p. m.
June 23—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.
June 28—Recreation Congress 3:30 p. m.
June 30—P. A. A. 7:30 p. m.

ACOLYTES BECOME "INDIANS" AND ROAM THE LAND

A Summer of Hiking and Camp.

By REV. C. E. KENNEDY,
St. Paul's Catholic Church

The "Kennedy Indians" are a camping club organized among the choir and sanctuary boys of St. Paul's Catholic Church and has sixty-five members between the ages of 11 and 18 years. They have made three trips to Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz Mountains, where a permanent camp is located. Camp is reached by hiking from San Francisco. The blankets and clothes bags are carried on two large wagons drawn by horses, while the cook outfit and supplies are carried on a third wagon. About fifteen miles are made each day and at night the hikers sleep in the open field or by the roadside, without tents. The camp is usually made near a town so that supplies may be easily obtained, for it is not economy to overload the wagons with provisions. The hike lasts a week, at the end of which time the camp is reached and a four weeks' stay is made. The campers return to the city by train.

Once in camp, a regular daily routine is established, which is strictly adhered to from reveille at 6:30 a. m. until taps at 9:30 p. m. Every boy is assigned to some one of the service divisions, such as the wood, water, cook, dishwasher or emergency squads. Every boy cares for his own blankets, clothing, etc. Inspection of tents is held every morning at 9 o'clock and a prize given at the close of the camp for the best-kept tent. Each member of the party washes his own clothes. The camp is enlivened by the K. I. band of twenty-four pieces, which rehearses every evening after supper and plays in concert when an opportunity presents itself. An excellent minstrel troupe, composed of the members of the party, aided by the band, gave twelve shows during the hike and camp.

The great feature of camp is the fine swimming hole in the San Lorenza River, which flows past the camp grounds. The boys are allowed three hours a day in the water. To care for emergencies, a hospital squad of four is organized and drilled in the principles of first aid and the care and treatment of the ordinary ills and ailments of campers.

The food supplied is almost entirely cereals, vegetables and fruits. Meat is had only occasionally. For a stretch of ten days at a time there was not a meal at which meat was served, and the boys were all in the best of condition. During the entire outing of five weeks there was absolutely no sickness, which in a large measure must be attributed to the kind of food supplied. The expenses of the camp are paid by the boys themselves. The camp rate is \$20 for the five weeks—or if a boy cannot come for the entire time the rate is \$5 a week.

The uniform—black overalls and shirt for week days—and corduroy trousers and blue linen shirt for Sundays, with a large "Forest Ranger" felt hat for all days, costs \$4, so that the entire expense for the outing is less than \$25 for each boy. The boys make a deposit with the camp treasurer of whatever cash they can spare, every Sunday night during the year when they assemble for church service. In this way the camp rate is nearly fully paid in by camp time.

Of the value to the boys of the outing in the country there can be no doubt. The city boy encounters new features every moment. He is for a period removed from the mother's apron strings and given a

chance to "let himself out." If a prudent campmaster is in charge, this "letting out" will be turned to the boy's great advantage, in the way of character development. Physically, because of the open air, and plain food and morally because of the character formation which takes place amid the duties and episodes of a well-ordered camp, a boy is benefited greatly and permanently by a vacation such as is spent by the K. I.

BOYS EARN THEIR VACATION BY BERRY PICKING

A Combination of Work and Play.

By GEORGE C. TURNER,
Superintendent Boys' and Girls' Aid Society

The summer outing of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society at Camp Perkins, on the Barlow ranch, near Sebastopol, this season is still in progress, and thus far is the most successful the society has ever had.

The advance party went out on May 31 to build the camp, to which the main party moved on June 4. Commencing with 117 boys on June 4, the number grew steadily till on July 23 there were 168 boys in camp, making it the largest camp in the history of the work.

Combining work and recreation, the camp is ideally located in the midst of the berry section of the Analy district, which is always green and beautiful.

The neighboring fields of loganberries, mammoth blackberries and Lawton's furnish abundant opportunity for earning money, and the fine swimming hole the finest kind of recreation. Thither when the day's work is over the squads of boys wend their way and enjoy a half hour of swimming and diving in water which is shallow at one end for the boys who are learning to swim and deep enough to warrant the use of a springboard for the more expert.

Four baseball nines use the diamond on alternate Saturdays and occasional half holidays during the week. The society provides uniforms and a full equipment for the game.

The evenings are devoted to music and recreation and during June were used in training for the athletic events of the Fourth of July, which the boys look forward to with great interest. Fireworks and a splendid campfire followed the evening program and drew large crowds of visitors to the camp grounds, which are thrown open on that occasion.

Sunday is a restful day, the morning being spent in bathing and changing clothes and the afternoon devoted to letter writing, reading and listening to the phonograph.

The day concludes with a religious service held in the open-air auditorium among the tall eucalyptus trees.

The flags are lowered to "evening colors," and "taps" invites all to rest after the day's enjoyment.

One or two boys are making collections of butterflies and insects which they hope to enter for the competition.

All are earning spending money for next winter, and laying up stores of good health and all acquiring coats of tan of varying shades.

Part of the boys have returned to school and the remaining 135 will return when the berries are all harvested, richer in mind, body and purse for their three months in the country.

You are interested in the work of the Recreation League, are you not? Are you a member? Are you giving it your full support?

COLUMBIA PARK CLUB SENDS OUT THREE PARTIES

193 Boys Given Outing.

By SIDNEY S. PEIXOTTO
President Columbia Park Boys' Club

The Columbia Park Boys' Club conducted three successful camps for boys during this summer. The most interesting camp was undoubtedly the walking party of fifty-one, who accomplished the feat of tramping from "fair to fair"—a distance of 610 miles. This party of very young boys, ranging from 9 to 14 years, was notable from the fact that all but five had never been on club walking trips before. Their band of forty was a new one, having been brought to its standard in less than a year of training. The boys gave their even-show thirty-six times, and this also was taken part in by boys who were entire novices.

In spite of their youth and inexperience, the boys of this party carried out the entire programme of the eight weeks' trip with wonderful success. From every center visited there are words of praise for the band, the show and the conduct of the boys. The party arrived at San Diego on exact schedule time and were camped on the grounds of the exposition. Their arrival was officially designated "Boys' Day" and a large crowd of San Diego boys attended.

At Santa Barbara, three boys from the Recreation Center joined as guests and went with the party to the end. The party was led by George A. Schlitter, assisted by some of the older Columbia Park boys.

The summer Republic, State of Columbia, was established at Carmel-by-the-Sea. A group of 101 boys, led by Charles F. Norton, spent a happy summer among the Monterey pines. The party gave two splendid performances in the Forest theater, which were liberally patronized, and the Monterey lodge of Elks promoted a performance in Monterey which was crowded. The boys were a prominent feature of the Carmel Mission play. With their entertaining abilities, the party was able to pay the heavy expenses of maintenance and have besides a happy summer in the open, with the active programme of daily duties and play that has always characterized this successful boys' camp.

In addition to these, a camp of forty-one, composed of older band members, walked from Sebastopol along Russian River resorts. A month was spent earnestly at band rehearsals, in preparation for the competitions of the Welsh Eistedfodd in July. This party also presented a splendid evening exhibition of all-around boy training and played for innumerable dances at the various resorts. The party was under the guidance of Sidney S. Peixotto and Harvey Loy.

It might be added that Columbia Park Boys' Club entered three organizations in the Eistedfodd competitions. The older band was awarded the prize of \$500 and a silver trophy. This band was required to perform Wagner's overture, "Tannhauser" and the "March Slav" by Tschai-kowski. The second band was awarded second prize of \$150 for their renditions of the required piece, "Poet and Peasant" by Suppe. The club also placed a chorus of fifty boys in the children's chorus competition, competed against the Oakland school girls and were awarded the second prize of \$100. A large part of the success in bringing these organizations to a high state of perfection was due to the boys living together in the open during the summer months.

"HAPPYLAND" GIVES OUTING TO NEEDY CHILDREN

Working Girls Also Go.

By HENRY RAPHAEL,

Director of Boys' Activities, Happyland

Happyland is a camp conducted by members of the staff of the San Francisco Bulletin.

It opens with the beginning of the public school vacation and continues until the middle of August. The camp is located on the site of the old Camp Curry, three miles from Los Gatos. It is in the Lyndon Creek Canyon. In fact, Lyndon Creek flows through the camp, and heavily wooded hills rise gradually on either side, forming an ideal location.

Children who otherwise could not have a vacation are invited to this camp, without any expense, for a week. The most needy ones are allowed to remain a second week. The ages of the children range from 6 to 14.

When the public schools open for the fall term, working girls who are sorely in need of a well-earned rest are invited to come.

The name "Happyland" was well chosen. I have never seen children so gloriously happy as at this camp. The birds and flowers, the enormous redwood trees, the creek with its water dogs, frogs and fish, the bugle calls, the campfire with its singing, dancing, minstrel shows, ghost stories and fairy plays; the hikes to Wake Robinton and Alma Springs were a continuous source of wonder and delight.

By giving an outing of one or two weeks we have been able to bring out into the country some 700 children each summer.

From long experience we have learned that a camp is most effective when the children are not left to their own resources, but organized under a definite daily program. Accordingly, Happyland adopted the following schedule, which was altered only when the entire camp started out in the early morning for an all-day "hike":

7:00 a. m.—Reveille; wake up.
7:20 a. m.—First call; wash.
7:35 a. m.—First call; warning.
7:37 a. m.—Assembly; salute to the flag; calisthenics.
7:45 a. m.—Mess; breakfast.
9:00 a. m.—First call; class work begins.
11:00 a. m.—First call; class work ends.
12:00 m.—Mess; lunch.
4:30 p. m.—First call; wash.
4:50 p. m.—First call; warning.
4:52 p. m.—Assembly; fall in for dinner.
5:00 p. m.—Mess; dinner.
7:30 p. m.—First call; warning.
7:32 p. m.—Assembly; salute to the flag; campfire.
8:30 p. m.—Taps; go to bed.
9:00 p. m.—Taps; lights out; quiet.

The class work mentioned above consisted of sewing, making rustic baskets, nature study, and drawing with crayons. These classes were taught by experienced teachers. The children selected any class they preferred.

One cannot visit or become associated with this camp without predicting a glorious future for Happyland, providing that the people of San Francisco help in some manner to support it; for the task of obtaining contributions of money and food is almost an overwhelming one. In fact, it was a matter of grave doubt until the last moment whether there would be a Happyland this summer. This camp is reaching more needy children than any other in California and merits all the support we can possibly give it.

SIMPLE LIFE IS FEATURE OF KAMP KONTENT

Boys Get Close to Nature.

By REV. LOUIS J. SAWYER,

Pastor Hamilton Square Baptist Church

The twenty-fourth annual outing of "Kamp Kontent" enlisted twenty-two boys from the Hamilton Square Baptist Church. Three weeks were spent on the banks of Austin Creek near Cazadero. Here, secluded from intrusion, yet convenient to civilization, is one of the finest camping places in the state. No tents were used. Sleeping bags were spread upon the ground and circled at safe distance from the campfire. Majestic redwoods arched in beauty overhead while the green shrubbery screened from publicity.

Long experience has taught economy of equipment and simplicity of administration. The boys govern themselves under a firm but not irksome discipline born of mutual consideration. The leader guarantees the safety of each lad's person and possessions. Two boys each day are designated to bring water and two others to wash dishes. After breakfast a devotional and helpful conclave is held and the evening campfire is a never-to-be-forgotten joy.

Plentiful and good is the table. A three-burner gasoline stove occupies the "kitchen" and is used only for "kettled" foods, such as mush, stews, beans, etc. No baking or frying is done by the volunteer cook. If the boys want pancakes or fried fish they cook them themselves. Abundance of bread and butter, fresh milk, and canned fruit fill the otherwise unoccupied corners of every fellow's stomach three times a day. Several birthdays furnished excuse for riots of ice cream and cake. The tin can and the parcel post are great friends of the camp.

Indoor baseball, volley ball, basket ball, horseshoes, fishing, swimming, card games and varied literature provided amusement for every moment. "Hikes" were undertaken to Fort Ross, Red Slide, the magnesite mine, Sequoia Heights and Pole Mountain.

The boys paid \$8 for nineteen days. The cost was about \$10 per boy, which included \$4.50 car fare. The perfect weather, unusual beauty of nature, just-the-right "gang," the ideal spot and the tokens from home made this year's kamp one of the best ever, and we confidently anticipate life-long results.

ATHLETICS

Edited by RAY DAUGHERTY.

FORM FAR WESTERN CONFERENCE

Representatives of all of the amateur athletic associations west of the Rocky Mountains gathered at the invitation of the Pacific Association at a meeting at the Olympic Club on July 30 to confer on the need of athletics in the West and on their representation in the Amateur Athletic Union.

On account of the fact that all meetings of the Union are held in New York City, the Western Association can, as a rule, send but one delegate, although they are entitled to three or four, according to their size. This gives them less than their proportionate representation on the Board of Governors of the Union. All present expressed themselves as being in favor of a system of proxies by which the one delegate from an association could carry the proxy of the absent members from his own body.

It was also decided to form a Far Western Championship Conference, which should hold an annual meet similar to the one held July 30 and 31 this year.

BOYS' CLUBS PLAN BUSY SEASON

The Boys' Club Athletic League of San Francisco held its first meeting for the season of 1915-16 on August 5.

The following officers were elected: President, S. Wiley Windsor; vice president, J. C. Bunyan; secretary, H. N. Tiedemann.

It was decided to have the various sports placed in charge of committees of one, who should call upon other members to help as was found necessary. President Windsor appointed these commissioners as follows:

Gymnastic Competition—Thos. De Nike, S. F. Boys' Club.

Baseball—J. C. Bunyan, Olympic Club.

Basketball—H. N. Tiedemann.

Track and Field—Joseph Bonaparte, Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum.

Swimming—S. W. Windsor, Y. M. C. A.

The following organizations compose the League: Columbia Park Boys' Club, Olympic Club Juveniles, Y. M. C. A., San Francisco Boys' Club, Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum, Y. M. H. A., Telegraph Hill Boys' Club, People's Place, Wesley Boys' Club, Cathedral Mission Athletic Club, California Boys' Club.



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